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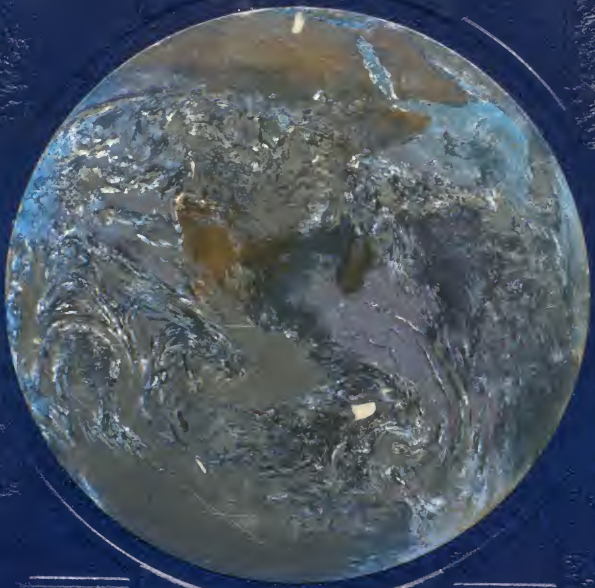

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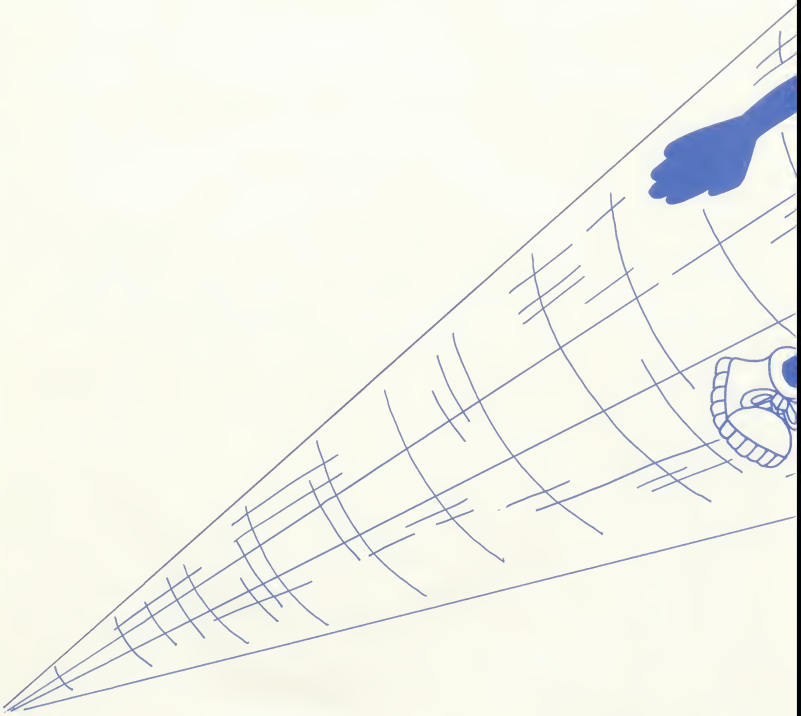

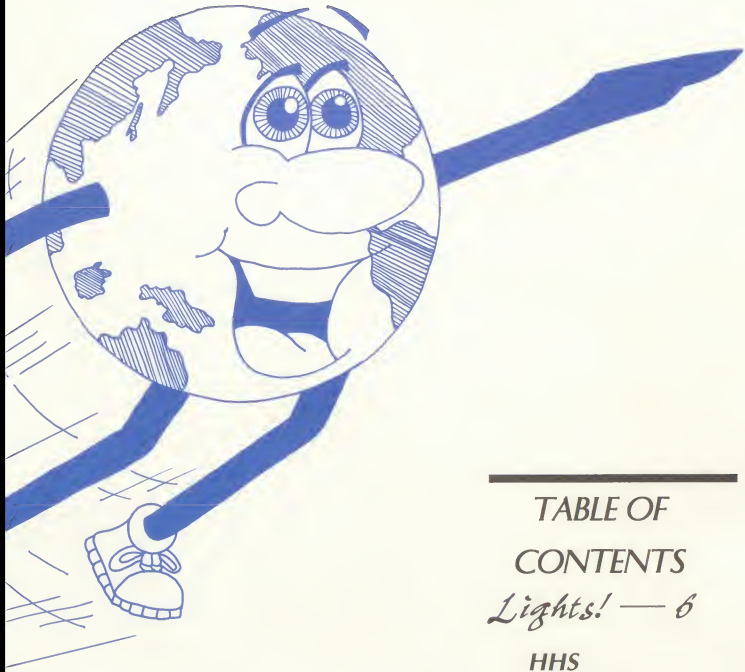

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THEY'RE ALL —

They All Tend To Be . . .

Much like April showers eventually bring spring flowers, something in life are bound to happen. Life withholds many situations that we either look forward to or try to avoid, but from any perspective, these experiences are "the toppings of the cherry pie of life." No matter what happens during the day, life always has some point of reward. Determination and hard work provide us with good grades which will eventually lead to success.

Through it all, our good friends help us develop our personalities by giving support and praise.

Not only do they aid us in our accomplishments; they also share in our enjoyment. From difficulties to sheer pleasure, the learning process known as life is . . .

• **Alicia Castillo- Flores**
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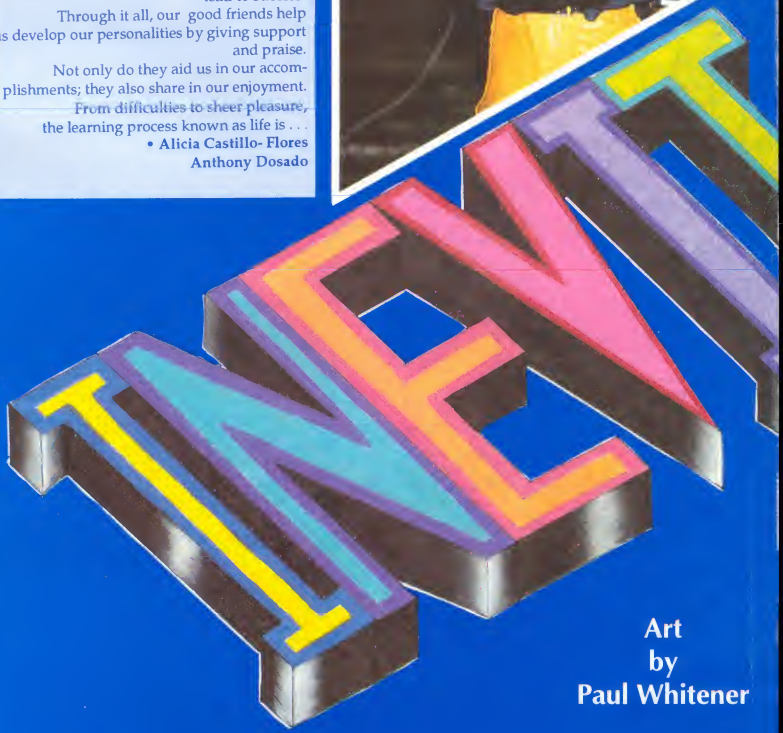

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LIGHTS!

HHS SPOTLIGHT SHINES ON VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

The spotlights shine brightly on Highland High School.

Perhaps the brightest spotlight of all remains Homecoming. With this year's theme, "A Night at the Movies", students threw their hearts and souls into producing floats for the parade and making Spirit Week the best they possibly could.

Along with Homecoming, there are several other events which shine radiantly on HHS students such as Turnabout, Prom, post-game dances, and many more.

HHS also gives all students their chance to shine in the spotlight, whether that chance is given in athletics, clubs, academics and numerous activities.

No matter how hard you try to escape the spotlight, attending Highland High makes it inevitable!

• **Selena Cox**

TRADITIONS

Everlasting Belief

"Run, the cops are coming!" yells a concerned senior.

These words can be heard often during the week of The Battle of the Bridge. Many students thrive on the excitement of the tradition of the painting of the bridge. Munster and Highland have both equally participated in the competition.

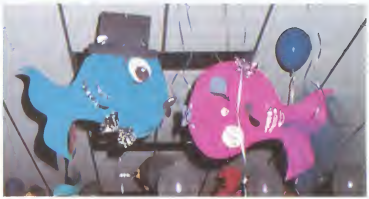
However, that is not the only tradition kept through the years at Highland. Spirit Week is another popular tradition that receives a lot of enthusiasm from students. Senior Gina Giovanelli says,"The tradition of dressing up has always been a highlight at Homecoming. It brings out the spirit in everyone who joins in."

Other traditions that exist are seen in the sports, clubs, and classes. The favorite one among classes is the cultural experience. A few in sports are braiding of hair, shaving of legs, and wacky clothing.

Traditions will always continue even when the faces and names of the students change.

◆ **Laura Cichon & Kelly Herald**

The tradition of the painting of the bridge is shown above, while Senior Stacy Dudash celebrates her school spirit.



Homecoming King and Queen Paul Callaway and Kelly Biesen dance to the theme song. Blair Brown hustles.

Sophomore Regan Wallner gives a tug during the tug-o-war. Band members play for the crowd during half time.

Superstars

The fun of it all was trying to do something out of this world!

Every year the gymnasium is filled with the raging spirit of participants from freshmen through senior status. They all unite to conquer and defeat their opponents from the different classes.

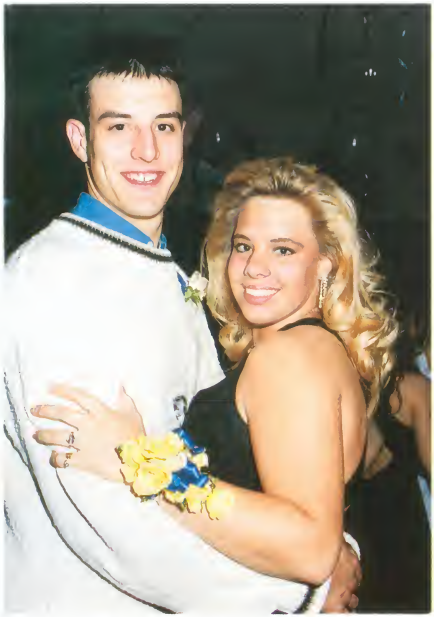
The events this year were divided into Frosh v. Soph and Juniors v. Seniors. The classes with the most spirit were truly shown in the sophomores and seniors. However, the seniors left the rest in the dust. Senior Randy Pete says," It's a great feeling to know that we have dominated superstars since our freshmen year, and that we could still live up to the challenge."

The seniors certainly had an obstacle to overcome. There were eight challenging activities to participate in. They were the lifesaver race, pyramid, pie eating contest, three-legged race, wheel barrel race, tug-o-war, the human knot, and the potato race. The new events this year were the lifesaver race, human knot, and the potato race. Senior Jill Bishop says," The new events were fun and exciting. They made Superstars more interesting to watch from the side lines."

The messiest contest was saved for last. The pie eating contest consisted of various flavors all topped with whip cream to add to the effects. Junior Koula Amanditis says, " I could't even finish my own piece of pie before the guys were done with theirs."

Superstars ended with spirit abouding from everyone there. The activities gave the football team the desire and courage to play their best against Munster. It was truly a "Battle of the Bridge".

◆ **Laura Cichon**
Kelly Herald



Sue Finke and Jeff Grzybowski dance a slow song, while Melissa Kantowski and Laura Hoolehan pick up the pace.

Nicole Swan and Mandy Shites request their favorite songs, while Mike Kanuik and friends smile for a group shot.

Members of the band march across the field, while Mary Callaway and Sarah Hull perform for the float during the parade.

Senior Melissa Zimmerman and Doug Scherwin participate in the lifesaver race. Sophomores build their pyramid.

Homcoming Court: B. Brown, M. Kantowski, P. Callaway, H. Kaczmarek, R. Pete, K. Biesen, M. Pieters, J. Bogusz, S. Stasny, R. Rhoades.

Brian MacDonald passes as Blair Brown makes the block. Band member Davona Bentley also helps the team.

Kristy Lane and Steve Stasny try the three-legged-race. Senior girls circle as the crowd does the Electric Slide.

Freshmen Matt Courtright, Juniors Sarah Darnell, Rich Segally, and Jamie Tucker show their school spirit in the parade.

Foot Loose

Highland students definitely kicked off their Sunday shoes!

The parade, Spirit Week, the bridge, superstars, and the big game is over. The final episode of Highland's Homecoming week is traditionally the dance.

This year's theme "A Night at the Movies" left the cafeteria with a splash from the sea. Sea shells on the walls, fish floating above, and scenes around the room added an extra touch to make the night perfect. "I didn't even recognize the cafeteria, they really put a lot of work into decorating this year," says senior Melissa Mull.

There was also a screen rolling Disney's *Little Mermaid*, which was an original alternative that added an alternative for those shy people who needed something else to stare at. "I love that movie; I was tempted to just lone out in front of the screen," says Homecoming Court member Randy Pete.

Everyone hummed along to "Part of this World" ,a song to fit the dances' theme "Under the Sea", as the court took over the floor. King Paul Callaway and Queen Kelly Biesen were admired by all, before everyone joined in. The dancing went on from 7:30 to 10:30. "My feet didn't stop all night, except to enjoy the refreshments," says junior Laura Hoolehan, "The music was great."

"This dance was the best ever, but I just wanted to go eat," claims junior Joe Rhodes. Most people have a great time at the dance, but can't wait to rest their feet with their friends at thier favorite restaurant.

Homecoming Week might have ended there, but the tradition of Homecoming will go on and on.

• **Tiffany Wojciechowski**

Hollywood

or not? Highland fans make the magic of Tinsel Town shine!

Lights, camera, action! This year's Homecoming theme just happened to be Night at the Movies. It seemed as though we were in the midst of Hoolywood as the various floats from the different classes and the elementary schools of the Town of Highland showed their support for their hometown Trojans.

Highland Trojans showed great improvement from the previous years. They seemed to have a great amount of confidence and stamina as they would not succumb to the forces of their opponents.

Amongst the different floats that were reaady to be greeted with flashes as they strolled down Kennedy Avenue were the Trojan Football players in their almighty truck, filled with enthusiasm and anxious to begin the game.

There were also many creative floats, ranging from Foour Weddings and a Funeral, to Ghostbusters.

The first-place winners of the float competition were the Junior class with the Wizard of Oz and second place went to National Art Honor Society with the Flinstones.

There were many clubs that participated in the competition. Including French Club with Beauty and the Beast, Theater Company with Night of the Living Dead, and German Club with Das Boat.

The court members resembled movie stars as they were driven in the parade in shiny convertibles.

The parade was a great success leaving Highland High School students with great memories.

◆ **Alicia Castillo-Flores**
Selena Cox

Juniors dislayed a lot of spirit this Homecoming. Cheerleader, Kelly Martin supported her team with cheers while Phil Wojnicz and Rich Segally showed off their great costumes for their float. Ms. Boyd and Mrs. Rieckhoff danced to the Electric Slide.

The parents from the elementary schools played an active role in the planning of their float for the parade while the seniors were anxious to "Slime the Mustangs" on their Ghostbusters Homecoming float this year, however, the Trojans were defeated.

Jeff Smigla watches his team from the sidelines due to injury, as Brandi Cowgill captures the moment at the Homecoming Dance.

Matt Novak, Jim Raudonis, Rasem Isa, Steve Ziemniak, and Eric Johnson take down a Munster running bar-- as HHS fans watch.

This year's Turnabout Court is as follows: Gina Giovanelli, James Parlor, Amy Govert, Josh Durham, Angela Castillo-Flores, Blair Brown, Phil Dennis, Kristy Lane, Brad Joseph, Jill Petska, Tim Adkins, and Tracy Ziemniak. The King and queen were Blair Brown and Angela Castillo-Flores.

Seniors Vince Vasile, Melissa Mull, and junior Laura Hoolehan get a little softer as they do the "Shout" a song that was a favorite at the dance.

Seniors Kim Vasquez, Randy Horka, and Melissa Howell have a good time dancing the night away to their favorite songs.

Turn about

Is It Traditional?

"This was the best Turn-about I've been to in my past four years here ," states senior Kelly Hood.

After months of preparing and hours of primping the door bell finally rings. Awaiting in the freezing cold is your decked out date holding a box of flowers to enhance your perfect outfit.

Madly gathering your things, of course 15 minutes late (ten of which you spent searching for your school i.d.) you dash for the door.

On the way to the car your mind begins to race. Making sure nothing is forgotten and no hair is out of place makes the 20 minute drive to St. George Serbian Hall seem like days. The wait to get tickets and coats checked takes even longer.

Walking through the crowd you notice how well the Lettermen and Letterwomen's Club of Highland High School Athletic Department decorated the hall with this year's colors — red, black, and silver. As flashes are flying from friends everywhere taking pictures and giving compliments, the music begins to play.

After two hours of dancing,your hair is totaled, make-up smeared, and your is date missing; it's time for pictures! The new company Prestige worked their hardest to make the memories last in a perfect picture.

Towards the end of the night, everyone begins to calm down, and its time for the court to be announced. Walking out onto the floor, Queen Angela Castillo-Flores and King Blair Brown, along with the rest of the court, wait excitedly for the former king and queen to hand over their crowns.

Traditionally dances are a night when the gentlemen treat the ladies to dinner, but Turnabout is a night when the roles get switched. This brings about the question, is Turnabout traditional or not? In the aspect of life this dance may not follow normal standards, but HHS has made it a tradition anyway.

• TiffanyWojciechowski

Jill Petska, Tracy Ziemniak, and Kassie Bannister smile for the camera as they enjoy another dance. Sophomore Nick Pieters gets a little funky, too.

As the last song of the night plays seniors Tim Adkins and Jamie Waldron gaze into each other's eyes, reflecting on their past memories.

The cast after a wonderful performance, while Jennie Pierce works dilligently to produce the scenery.

Carnival

Blair, Poe, Ruhs, and Wilson lead in Fall Musical

Theatre is Magic, and Magic is Theatre and Blessed are We Who Create the Magic.

HTC Motto

This year's fall musical *Carnival* started the season for the Highland Theater Company.

Carnival is about a young girl named Lili (Jennie Poe, Carrie Ruhs) who thinks the world is full of laughter and that all the people are kind. She gets a job at Schlegel's Carnival with the puppeteers Paul Berthalet (Brian Vargas) and Jaquette (Carrie Wilson). It's there, where Paul falls in love with Lili but her heart has already been broken by Marco/ Production manager (Dave Blair). At the circus is where she learns not everyone is kind.

Matt Courtright played the role of B.F. Schlegel's, Mary Callaway was Rosalie, and Mr. Adam Baez as Dr. Glass.

And what would be a circus without the side shows? Brad Klemm played the bearded lady, Jeff Hassel as the strong man, Beth Halcarz was the contortionist, and Philip Weis was the aerialist.

Both Sarah Courtright and Carrie Wilson choreographed the dances, while Chantelle Warner, Erin Peterson and others took part in them. Many clowns, gypsies, and harem girls were also seen on stage.

The play, however, would not have been performed without the help of the staff, the stage and scenic crews, the artists, the pit musicians, and also the Highland High teachers who took part in it.

The play was directed by Martin Grubbs with the help of the Assistant Director Sherry VerWay, the Pit Director Victor Pazik and Technical Director Mary Albrecht.

• Lynette Dobrowolski

Enthusiastically, Jennie Poe thanks Dave Blair for inviting her to join the carnival. He seems more than pleased to help her.

Gypsies (clockwise) Beth Klemm, Erin Lottino, Diane Rhine, Michelle Mitchel, and Katie O'Leary strike a pose.

Clowns Mia Billadeau, Lori Natelberg, Rachel Slager, and Kerrie Wilding stop clowning for a quick picture.

Brad Klemm, Alan Cook, Olivia Griner, Chantelle Warner, Shannon Bruce, Sherry Ver Wey, Beth Halcarz, and Erin Lottino have some fun.

B.F. Schlegel (Matt Courtright) scolds his daughter Gretta Schlegel (Kristen Hall) for just trying to have some fun. All photos by Prestige.

Caring

Dealing With Feelings

During the academic life of a student in high school, many difficulties will be encountered. These learning experiences will require a direct-approach method of resolution. Some obstacles will be surmountable by the hard work of that single student. Others, however, will require the support and caring of friends.

These helpers can be found in abundance in both the staff and the student body. Many electives are offered which stress the knowledge and information surrounding the relationships and feelings of people. Through these classes, students can prepare for any hardships that they may encounter in the non-forseeable future.

There are other school-based programs. While they are not part of the curriculum, they do teach lessons about ourselves, others, and how we all interact together. With support inside and outside school, all these factors add up to a caring educational family.

• Anthony Dosado

Chris Guiser, a sophomore, takes some time to think in the Student Commons. Photo by Prestige.

Caring

Moods make the world smile or frown

It Starts From The Heart

A change in moods is as inevitable as the change of day to night. While it's as certain, it's not quite as regular.

These changes can play nasty tricks on some people because moods control how everyone acts at one time or another. This doesn't mean that everyone is a weak slave to his or her own moods; it just means that moods play a strong part in determining how people act.

Major mood changes occur between and during three distinct time periods. These three segments are the morning, lunch, and the afternoon.

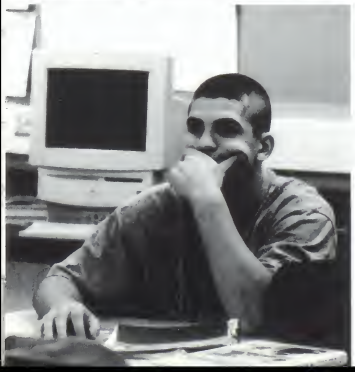
In the morning, most students are in an extremely irritated mood, and those nagging parents don't really help the situation either. "The last thing I want to hear in the morning is the nagging voice of my mother," says Senior Matt Elder. Half asleep, students roam the halls to get to their classes.

Depending on whether they eat breakfast or not, students start to wonder about lunch during one of the first three periods of the day. Many feel very anxious, a characteristic which is caused by that infamous motivator — hunger. During lunch students satisfy their basic needs: food, water, and gossip. "We like to catch up with each other or just sit and complain about the day's events," laughs Junior Nicole Fuller.

The time after lunch is the most tedious for students. "Fourth hour has to be the hardest hour of the day. It is difficult to sit in a desk and listen to a teacher," says Senior Melanie Wilson. As the afternoon wears on, thoughts drift towards the end of the school day. These thoughts are to students as meat is to dogs. It doesn't necessarily make them drool, but it does get their attention. During the last hour of the day, expectations are raised, and a short freedom is anticipated.

After school lets out, many scramble home to spend some nice quiet time. Others stay at school even longer. Then there are those who go off to their workplaces not so shortly after school. In the end, however, everybody has to face the reality of repetition. These mood cycles happen day to day, and when that new day rolls around, those fantastic moods are on the horizon.

• Anthony Dosado



Rachel Bishop and Monica Dyson, both juniors, sit to chat in the courtyard. Photo by Chicki.

Junior Jeff Wilson concentrates on the task at hand in Transportation class. Photo by Prestige.

Rachel Guzman and Adri Lona, juniors, show the strength of friendship. Photo by Prestige.

People Need People

Snowflake, IPR teach caring

Highland cares about its students through groups such as Snowflake and Natural Helper.

These groups are meant to teach students more about themselves and about their new friends, and this is done in a variety of ways.

Programs like Snowflake and the related Snowball and even Blizzards in the elementary grades were founded with the idea of keeping young people from addictions such as drinking and drugs, but also to teach valuable people skills that will enable students to "just say no" to any behaviors which are harmful.

Oneof the main purposes of the Highland High School Guidance Department and in curriculum classes such as IPR is to help people learn how to be the best they can be. This corrects some people's ideas that counselors are only there to guide people into the right colleges.

Today's curriculum and guidance center offer many different programs to students who may be going through difficult times, or who just need to learn how to help themselves and others better. By going through the training of the Natural Helper program and special events like Snowflake, students can learn a great deal about themselves, as well as how to react and respond in positive ways to others.

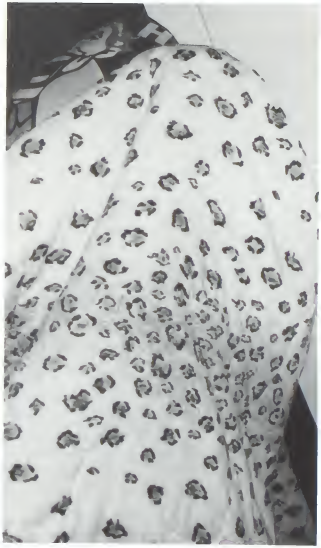
The Natural Helper program taps into the wealth of human kindness within the HHS student body. Through questionnaires and other means guidance counselors find the students whom others turn to in times of trouble or just for a caring smile. Once these people are identified, they are invited to join the Natural Helper program. After some sensitivity training which also develops communication skills, these people form a nucleus of caring students in all levels and departments of the school. They become some of the strongest helps to all members of the student body, and in the process learn how to develop leadership and the art of being able to truly be there for others.

Highland High School certainly isn't just about learning from books. It's very much about learning from others, and learning more about one's own attitudes, reactions, and capabilities to make a positive difference in the world.

Right, Koula Amanatidis stops to catch her breath after a tiring workout. Her smile and openness portray the attitudes of manystudents who care and who count among the HHS student body.

Natural Helper had to be one of the best weekends of my life. You get the chance to open up and be yourself without the pressure of the world around you. Friends you make there will last a lifetime because you understand each ofther better than anyone else.

Jenny Franz



Above, Jon Seremet and Valerie Reichhoff enjoy some of the enthusiasm shared as members of the Operation Snowflake staff.

Sleep, above, plus good friends like Jessica Stanley, Laura Messman, and Amber Kay make things like Snowflake a valuable and precious memory.

Caring

Drop In Center, IPR help students grow

High school is a journey which no student has to make on his own. At Highland High there are plenty of outlets of emotional and academic support for any student that wants to take advantage of them. The Guidance Office and school curriculum give students the option of utilizing them.

The Drop-In Center is a new program that offers counseling by fellow classmates with whom students can easily relate, even more so than staff members. It is run by the Guidance Office and this service is offered during 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 7th hour. One may go during study hall or during class if he or she obtains a pass from a teacher. This is a place students can go for things ranging from getting help with homework to talking about problems they are having.

Classes here at Highland also help to provide a caring atmosphere. Child development, a semester class taught by Mrs. Becky Damasius, covers marriage, pregnancy, and parenthood. The main project of the class is flour babies. They are to be carried around for a specified amount of time, decided on by the teacher. It is to be carried everywhere, to help make it more realistic. The effects of drugs and birth defects are discussed.

Love Is Living Life By Heart

IPR is another elective class one can opt to take. It covers peoples everyday feelings, values, and how to build up one's self-esteem. Conflict and frustration are discussed and problem solving skills are strengthened. Death and suicide are covered. For one week everyone in the class takes naps. This is to help the students learn relaxation techniques. Each person must also bring a bag of personal items to help the class get to know them better.

Family relations is a semester class taught by Miss Brenda Larsen. It helps to teach the importance of family and of good communication between family members. During the course, each person in the class plans her own wedding.

All of these opportunities help to build a strong backbone for students. They help build better personality traits and make them better people. This should be a reassurance for most individuals. When they go on to the next step in their life, whether it be college or out to work in the real world, they know they will never have to go it alone.

• **Sara Harkabus**

Even though students are growing, sophomore Korin Bahr still enjoys playing around at a home football game.

Guidance counselor Mr. Jerry Hedges explains to junior Carrie Stephens the procedure for the annual PSAT's.

Mrs. Rose Ceperich, the high school registrar and Guidance Secretary, helps out an interested visitor to her office.

During IPR class, Erica Burd, Kristen Brown, and Tina McCartney practice their relaxation techniques.

Drop-In Center helpers Jason Tarka and Steve Stasny talk to fellow classmates Jana Solomon and Mile Labus.

Junior guidance office aides Mellisa Salle and Cheryl Scherringa help to look for certain students' schedules.

Our Town: Highland

Learning to Care For Our Community

In our community there is a sense of together ness. There are churches, festivals, and other events and places that hold our town together as a community. Certain times throughout the year, Highland Parks and Recreation entertains the community by inviting festivals to come to town, set up parades, and hold plays at Main Square Gazebo.

Main Square is where most of the towns activities are held. The newest of the activities held in Main Square is "The Battle of the Bands". The "Battle of the Bands" consists of some bands throughout the area. These include Alison's Mailbox, Midian, RAIN, Howards Cow, Sweat Leaf, and Dogs of Autumn. It is sponsored by *Beat Magazine* and headed by Tom Lounges and Kitty Watson. The prizes are a three song demo at Sheffield Studios, band t-shirts, and gift certificates.

During the festivals people set up craft and food booths, there are rides and games for children and adults, and musical entertainment is provided in the gazebo of Main Square.

Our community provides us with great entertainment all-year-round.

Anthony Dosado

The parades consist of the Highland sports teams, the Highland High School band, majorettes, cheerleaders, local stores and businesses in Highland, fire and police departments in the area, and also various high school clubs and organizations throughout the area.

The plays are held in the Main Square Gazebo and are open to anyone from any town to audition. They are held in the evening throughout the summer. Members of the comminity volunteer to provide refreshments for the audience. The plays serve as good entertainment on the warm summer nights.

Smaller activities also held at Main Square include family day in the park with a miniature zoo and pony rides, craft shows, and the burning of trees.

No matter what one's interest, Our Town offers the perfect entertainment.

• **Dana Strange**

Highland's youth shows support by "Following the Road to Victory" in the Homecoming Parade. Photo by Prestige

Family Values, Community Interest Spark Care For HHS Student Concerns

Part of belonging to Highland High School involves belonging to theTown of Highland and living in the Northwest corner of Indiana -- The Calumet Region.

Highland students enjoy suburban living while having the shores of Lake Michigan, the city life of Chicago and the surrounding communities of Munster and Griffith to give flavor to daily events.

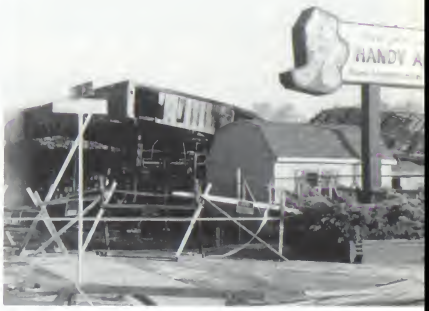
Family life is important in Highland, with parents often getting involved through booster clubs and behind the scenes of many activities.

Highland students enjoy a great deal of support from local businesses, and also become involved in area concerns, such as the big fire in autumn which destroyed Handy Andy Hardware in Munster.

Our Town is an integral part of Northwest Indiana, and family values, with care from the adult community, makes Highland a good place to grow up and go to school.

Vicki Callaway , mother of Paul Callaway, supports the football team by selling baked goods at a game. Photo by Prestige

Maggie Havens and Lexi Miller are selling Highland Booster Club sweatshirts to raise money . Photo by Prestige



The destruction of the Handy Andy in Munster surprised everyone inthe community. Photo by Jeff Chicki

Melissa Pieszchala, Sara Potapwnko, Erin Hawkins, and Tiffany Wojno wrapping Christmas presents. Photo by Kulczyk

The Mentor class together discuss their careers for the future. Photo by Chicki

Key Club members wrapping Christmas presents. Photo by Kulczyk

Stuart Barney and Jana Solomon check on the computer. Photo by Chicki

Senior Kelli Blahnik gets some advice form her mentor teacher, Mr. Randall Lemon. Photo by Chicki

"These are some of the most important times of our lives, and activities such as Mentor, Key Club and Operation RESIST help us learn what must be done, and how to make the right decisions."

Angela Castillo-Flores

Mrs. Joan Ray dressed as the "No Gangs" mascot in the Christmas Parade.
Photo by Mitchell

Students and the Community

Key Club , Mentor, and Operation RESIST Work to Build a Better Community

The community has a great deal of influence on the students of Highland High School. The students show their involvement in the community through the Mentor program, Operation RESIST, and Key Club.

The Mentor program is only for juniors and seniors. To qualify, the students must be in the top 15% of their class. In the class the students leave school to shadow a professional in their area of interest. Homework, writing to colleges, seeking scholarships,and writing resumes are other things that occupy the students time when not with their mentor. The students this year are spending time with engineers, stock brokers, teachers in the elementary school, physicist, an attorney's office, Tri-City mental health, a counselor, W.J.O.B., and at *The Times*.

The Key Club is a service club for the community and is advised by Mrs. Joan Ray. Highland's Key Club works along side the Highland Kiwanis, an international as well as a national organization. Key Club services our school, our community, and our district. They help the Kiwanis with any fundraisers and activities throughout the year. This year's activities included: Homecoming, collecting shoes for the homeless, setting up a haunted house for the Park Department Halloween party, the Kiwanis pancake breakfast, a child care for the high school open house, a hayride,and environmental T-shirts.

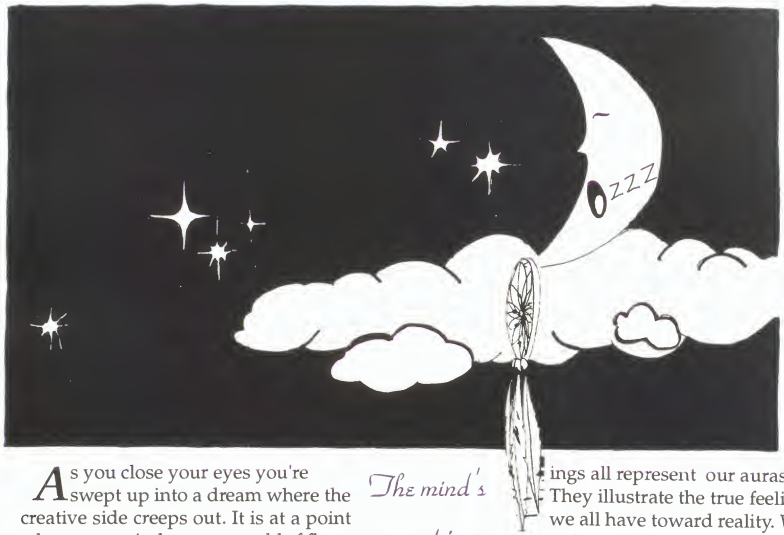
"You don't have to move out of your house to get rid of gangs. All you need is a good loving family inside it."

Operation RESIST is Highland's gang resistance program. There are meetings every month to ensure the safety and protection of the town against gangs. Among a few faces at one of the RESIST meetings are Ed Klapak, a former student and current student at Purdue University Northwest, Mrs. Corally Mc Cann, head of the Guidance Department, Mrs. Joan Ray, advisor for Key Club, Ms. Barbara Mayer, coordinator of Public Relations for the School Town of Highland, Mr. Michael Backes, a HHS Administrator.

•Angela Koleno
Dana Strange

Dream Catchers

Wandering Through Our Minds



As you close your eyes you're swept up into a dream where the creative side creeps out. It is at a point where your mind enters a world of flowing images of what could or what should be. Your hand moves over the paper as your thoughts pour out.

The sense of reality draws back, and you are propelled into a state of immense self reflection. The thoughts inspire your inner feelings to emerge. They may hold some truth for the future but also some falsities which may hinder your perceptions.

The music, the poems, the drawings all represent our auras. They illustrate the true feelings we all have toward reality. We strive to perfect these images through our various talents.

The mind's creation fulfills us in a way we could never comprehend!

The creative side can help reach your goals. It can catch dreams and sweep you away along with them. You can achieve more than you believed was possible. Success! Dreams are reality.

So when you feel the inspiration, pick up that pencil, and catch the moment. Dreams only come true when you believe in them.

•Kelly Herald & Laura Cichon

Guardians of the Night

The beauty of the night
blankets your life.
The stars are your guardians
keeping you safe from harm.

And when you get lost,
wandering through the
night,
the stars will be there
to guide you back.

Jenni Schullek

Lynette Dobrowolski takes time out to think with a friend in French class. Language is a form of creative expression.

Dream Catchers

Make The Day Rich With Creativity

Words following
a thought —
Lines following
a vision —
Music following
a hidden beat —
Life following a spirit's quest —
Real living demands creativity.

Passage to the Past— Paul Callaway

Finman's Road — Paul Callaway

Happiness

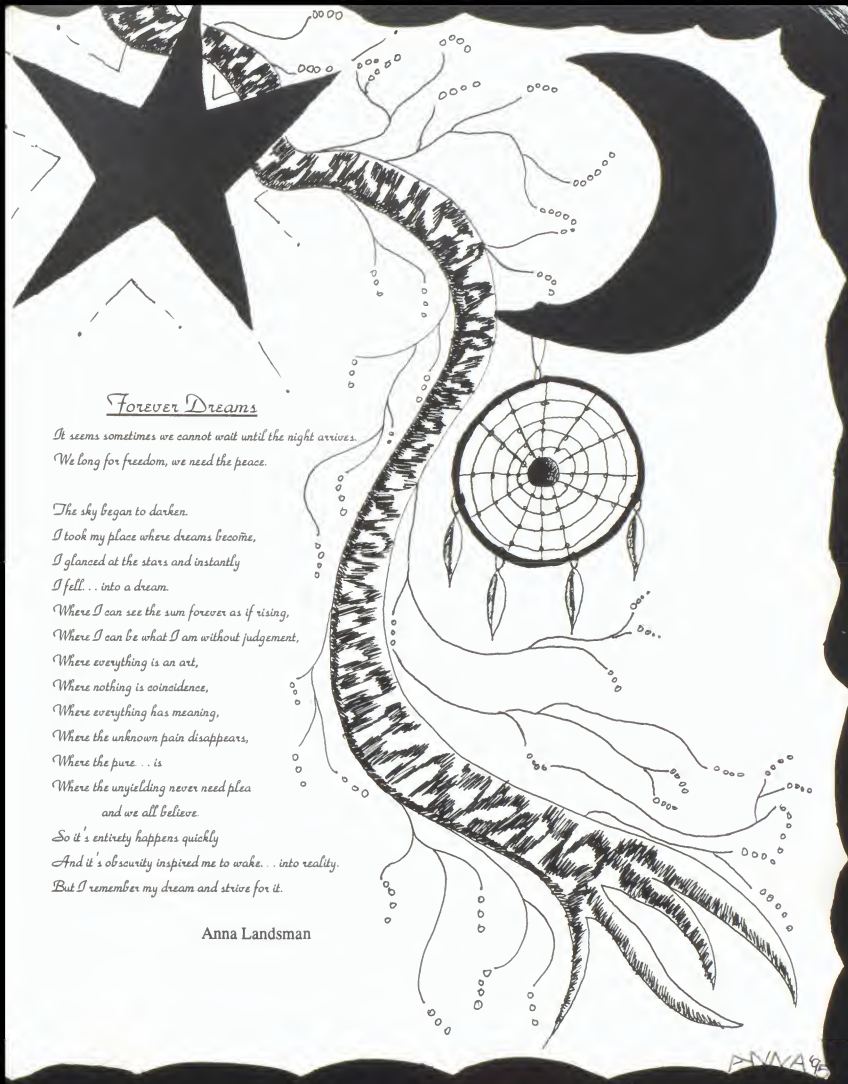
Whatever Happiness may be,
I have yet to feel its warmth.
It could be the young, sprouted flower
that reaches for the light or
the relief of pain that covers me at night.

Whatever Happiness may bring,
I will never know.
Its very breath holds me back
in ways I cannot break.
It shows me no kindness
not where hearts are concerned.
That was just a story,
I never learned.

Happiness is distant to so alien a heart.
It hides from the weary
and lonely in the dark.
To shield its very meaning as the saplings in the spring.
They shed their very leaves as the cold pull's them in.
They have yet another year to learn,
what Happiness may bring.

But I am too fallible.
I will wither soon enough,
and that will only bring
another to take my place,
to learn if Happiness exists
or if it was just all a game.
To test our very senses,
In the wind, cold, and rain.

Laura Cichon



Forever Dreams

It seems sometimes we cannot wait until the night arrives.
We long for freedom, we need the peace.

The sky began to darken.
I took my place where dreams become,
I glanced at the stars and instantly
I fell. . . into a dream.
Where I can see the sun forever as if rising,
Where I can be what I am without judgement,
Where everything is an art,
Where nothing is coincidence,
Where everything has meaning,
Where the unknown pain disappears,
Where the pure . . . is
Where the unyielding never need plea
and we all believe.
So it's entirety happens quickly
And it's obscurity inspired me to wake. . . into reality.
But I remember my dream and strive for it.

Anna Landsman

WEEKENDS!

Our Time OUR TEMPO

MARCHING
To Our Own Drum Beat

One thing Highland students are great at is making our own beat and setting our own tempo to life.

Whether it's setting the ground rules for how we will approach school and all its commitments, or how to manage the time between personal sports and jobs, as well as hobbies and family, Highland students create their own tempo, then move through our days and evenings as we make it all come together.

Learning how to march to our own drummer in our own time as we set our own tempo becomes *Inevitable*!

Top left: Jamie Tucker spends her weekends working at Dairy Queen. Above: Other people like to spend their weekends at school events. Top right: Ron Zurek works on his '78 Camaro on his weekends. Right: Others use weekends to catch up on sleep.

Photos By Jeff Chicki

Weekend Priorities

- Job
- Friends
- Hobbies
- Dating
- Family
- Church
- Attend Sports
- Play Sports
- Homework
- SLEEP!

J Room

The Press

Shield, Link, J-Class make headlines with creativity using new computers

Journalism opens doors to many fields of study. The ability to compose a creative work of art through words has benefited many.

Fortunately, the Journalism Department has climbed an extra step up the ladder. The students of *Link* and *Shield* have experienced the hard work and determination that is involved in meeting deadlines and, most important, learning desktop publishing.

"This year was very significant because we did all the computer work on our own, which not only was self-satisfying but I know it pleased Ms. Mayer," states *Shield* staffer Angela Koleno.

The Link has undergone a change in its paper format. It went from being 11x17 to 9x12, which now makes it easier to fit the newspaper in the yearbook. After all, a yearbook is a creative history book.

The editors of both *Shield* (Alicia Castillo-Flores) and *Link* (Jenny Bajda) have helped to motivate their peers.

• **Alicia Castillo-Flores**
Angela Koleno

The Link **consists of J.Tarka, J. Bajda, J. Chicki, K. Lessner, J. Schulick, J. Solomon, M. Kantowski, M. Dyson, S. Barney, and S. Stasny.**

The Shield **consists of Selena Cox, Monica Dyson, Kelly Herald, Laura Cichon, Alicia Castillo-Flores, Tiffany Wojciechowski, Sara Harakabus, Anthony Dosado, Stephanie Rodriguez, Anna Landsman, Lynette Dobrowski, Deanna Crum, Paul Callaway, Dana Strange, Marlo Atchinson, Jennifer Schulick, Angela Koleno, and Jeff Chicki.**

Senior Laura Cichon crops a picture during *Shield* while Stuart Barney explains the procedures of a layout during *Journalism*.

Selena Cox, Tracy Anderson, and Monica Dyson flip through pictures while Jennifer Schullek types up her copy to meet the deadline.

Link editor Jennifer Bajda conducts a staff meeting while Monica Dyson and Jeff Chickl print pictures in the darkroom.

Shield editor Alicia Castillo-Flores shows Angie Koleno, Dana Strange, Jen Schullek, Anthony Dosado, and Deanna Crum a finished spread.

Acting is the principle behind it all

Highland High School students don't need to be told that there's more to an education than books. Speech II, Drama, and Theatre Company are a few creative alternatives to the same old book work.

Speech II is a class that teaches students about radio and filmmaking.Students learn how a film is put together, and the influence that films and radio have on the world. They also learn to develop their own media skills through radio play and video productions. In this course, a student learns about the parts of a camera and the terms involved in working with it. They write, adapt, tape, and star in their own films.

Drama class is designed to nurture and assist students in developing acting skills. The students work on grounding stage movement and in character development. Frequently, they act out skits and improvisations. This class can not only be fun, but it can better the students' chance at participating in plays and musicals.

The Theatre Company plays a vital role in Highland Theatre productions. The Theatre Company is essential for every detail that contributes to making every performance its very best, including the lighting, sound, and the scenery. They also work in the concessions and advertising.

HTC's hard work paid off in the success of *Charlotte's Web.* The play was held February 18, 24, and 26. Sarah Hull took the role of Charlotte, Lauren Loscalzo played Martha, and Melissa Bowen as Edith. Brian Vargas played Wilbur, the pig. Erin Lottino and Jason Simpson played the goose and gander, Melanie Wilson and Rachel Sweeny portrayed the sheep and lamb, and Brad Klemm played the rat.

At the same time *Charlotte's Web* was running, another play called *Greater Tuna* ran on the alternating nights, February 17, 19, and 25. This play, starring Mary Callaway and Dave Blair, had a total of twenty parts, each person playing ten roles! Mrs. Joyce Petrin was the Director and Shannon Bruce was the Assistant Director.

Highland has many creative learning outlets to offer. Speech II, Drama Theatre, plays and musicals are just a few of the options available. All of the students involved are essential to the collage of students we call Highland High School.

• Stephanie Rodriguez,
Lynette Dobrowolski

HTC: A. Cook,T.O'Leary,D. Blair, K. Abney, S.. Hull, C.. Warner, A. McFarland,L. Loscalzo, M.Wilson, J. Poe, S.. Courtright, M. Bowen, M. Callaway, B. Klemm, M. Grubbs Row 2. R. Sweeny, K. Hall, E. Peterson, C. Wilson, I. Czyszczon, E.Pischner,S.Gogolak C.Warner,J.Stanley,B.Halcarz,S.VerWey,A..Pichner,M.Lively,B. McCullum,A.Schapps,T.Beanbloosm, M.Denny,M.Plawecki.Row3 J.Poe, S.Bigot, H. Rhoades,R.Slager, S.Stinnet, M.McManus, R..Guidotti, E..Latino, J.Beanblossem, C.Phoebus Row 4-J.Hassel, B.Vargus, M.Albrecht, D.Rhien, E.Fandrei, T.Damron, O.Brinner, C. Hrash, J.Hiddle, R.Sweeney, M.Baker, J.Pierce, J.Garlett, J.Simpson,C. Brouilette, B.Elliot, M.Courtright, M.Stinnet, R..Wilson, B.Doring, D.Solomon, K.Tokoly.

Brad Klemm and Sarah Hull have an illuminating conversation in a scene from *Charlotte's Web.*

Dave Blair tries hard to save "Yippy," while Mary Callaway feeds her chickens in *Greater Tuna.*

Mary Albrecht, Sarah Hull, and Mary Callaway are the proud officers of the Highland Theatre Company.

Tony Doffin, Jason Baker, and Michelle Panicucci rehearse with Mrs. Joyce Petrin as their director.

Matt Elder, Paul Czyszczon, Jason Klocek, and Mike Maglish work together in Speech II class.

ENTERTAINMENT

Mellow Music —

Alison's Mailbox played at God Stock this year. The band consists of Steve Stasny, Jason and Jeff Tarka, Paul Callaway, and Bill Mayer.

Ever since Christmas break, a day has not gone by without an "Alison's Mailbox" t-shirt proudly parading the hallways of HHS. The band consists of Paul Callaway, vocals; Jason Tarka, lead guitar; Steve Stasny, rhythm guitar; Jeff Tarka, bass guitar; Bill Mayer, drums. Throughout the past year, this hometown band has grown out of a loyal gathering of basement groupies into a wide spectrum of fans from many area schools and countless adults as well. Alison's Mailbox has become more than a teenage fad — it's become obvious to all who listen that they exhibit sheer talent and musical skill.

With several different influences, Alison's Mailbox plays songs that represent the spirit, energy, and unity of the youth today.

" I can't wait to see them on *MTV* in a couple of years," remarked senior Katie Schmidt," Then I can say 'Wow! I know those guys!" I know that they have the determination to make it big!"

With three senior members graduating, many might wonder what will happen to the group. Do they

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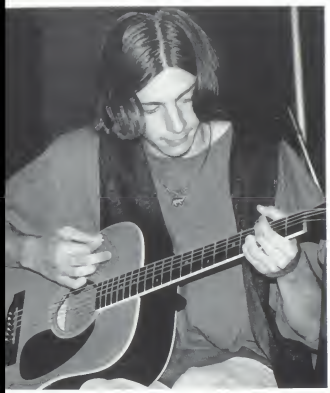
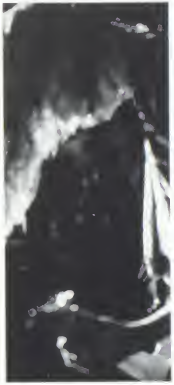
ALISON'S MAILBOX





have what it takes to stick together and achieve their dreams? The track record of these three seniors certainly exhibit a drive towards success. "These guys take other activities seriously. They don't limit themselves just to the band," observes senior Melanie Wilson.

These seniors will be missed not only for their music, but also for their contribution to the school. Steve Stasny was the Senior Class President, Paul Callaway served as Vice President and was captain of the football team and swim teams, and Jason Tarka was active as a Natural Helper and a Drop-In Center counselor.

"I really enjoy their concerts and I really get into their music. People can really relate to them; that's why they are so popular," comments sophomore Jeff Dancho.

The year started off with a memorable show at Main Square during the town's Fall Festival. Hundreds of teens crowded around the gazebo for a unique acoustic set that was followed by a louder electric set. A second favorite was the December 23rd show at the Musician's Guild. With over 400 people in attendance, the hall was packed.

The group's most recent tape was heralded at a tape release party sponsored by Woodmar Records. The 4-song demo includes "Carrot Tops," "Papers," "Feminine Song," and the now well-known "Just Askin'."

A popular question about the band is how they got their name. As the story goes, one day Paul and Jason were driving by their friend Alison Peach's house and nearly collided with her mailbox. Thus was born the catchy ditty.

Some find it difficult to express the power in *AM*'s music of the energy put out at their shows. Senior Nancy Colias put it simply, "Alison's Mailbox rocks my world!"

• Kelli Blahnik

MUSIC TO OUR EARS

Marching Trojan Pride has successful season

From the buzzing auditoriums to the vibrating football fields, the Highland band always seems to rouse spirit and excitement at almost every school event. The members of the band put in countless hours of practice to prepare for the seemingly endless number of performances to come.

The band is divided into two seasons: the marching season and the concert season. Th.s fall's marching band competed regularly against different bands. This required hours of practice, but it certainly paid off by earning them first place as the Grand Champions. The marching band also performs at football games and parades.

The concert season is in the winter and spring. They perform at seasonal concerts, basketball games, ISSMA, and commencements.

The band is an important aspect of almost every HHS event. It is definitely the music to our ears.

• Stephanie Rodriguez
Lynette Dobrowolski

Left, Sophomore Jody Pete toots her flute with skill to thrill during a football halftime exhibition earlier this fall.

On the field, Laura Mesman shows off some of the Color Guard's patented halftime manuevers as she stately waves her flag.

Junior Tim Hayes motivates the crowd's team spirit by exciting them with his dazzling musical abilities.

The Marching Band struts its stuff while Dave Wilson focuses all of his attention on his tuba technique.

Junior drummer Tim Fandrei gets ready to play as he looks for his cue to get in on the action during the pre-game show.

Junior Brian Wurst proudly marches on the field during the playing of the HHS school song and the National Anthem.

VOCALIZING

HIGHLAND VOICES TRAVEL TO DISNEY WORLD

The Highland Choral department had another outstanding year, while exceeding even their own expectations

The department, under the direction of Victor Pazik, is composed of three choirs: a beginning choir, an advanced girls choir, and a mixed varsity choir.

The varsity and advanced girls choir traveled to Orlando, Florida over Christmas vacation. They worked for months to make their performance at Epcot Center a memorable one

Many students participated in the ISSMA Solo and Ensemble Competition. Only a talented few made it to the State Competition in Indianapolis.

Five Highland students were involved with The Indiana All State Choir. Mike Filipowitz, Sarah Francis, Jennie Poe, Sarah Stinnet and Carrie Wilson were the students who made it to Indy.

Ending the year, choir puts on a spectacular show called "100 Years of Broadway". All three choirs deserve recognition for their talent, hard work and dedication.

• **Lynette Dobrowolski**
Stephanie Rodriguez

Quina Walton and Nicole LaMantia practice singing for ISSMA. Photo by Courtright.

Sara Vanbodegraven warms to give her best in the girl's choir. Photo by Prestige.

The girl's choir stands with the strictest attention to make sure every key is right.

HHS choir takes time out to pose with some friends at Disney World in Florida.

Mr. Victor Pazik rehearses with junior Elizabeth Grantner before vocal music class.

HHS choir performs at Epcot Center in Florida with soloist Matt Courtright.

Mr. Pazik sings a piece from this year's Spring show "100 Years of Broadway".

ORCHESTRA IN THE SPOTLIGHT FROM ISSMA TO THEATRE

The Highland orchestra had another magnificent year. With their director, Ms. Karen Schafer, leading them on,they played their way through many sensational performances and competitions.

The orchestra is one of the many school activities that requires more than just an hour of work a day. Many of the students involved consider orchestra as not only a class, but as a major part of their lives, and for a number of students, an important element in their futures.

The Highland orchestra played their seasonal programs, and they competed in the ISSMA ensemble contest. Individualy, orchestra students competed in the ISSMA solo competition. A few high-ranking students went on to the state competition. The orchestra was involved in the music for the Highland Theatre Productions. They are also responsible for setting the mood during commencements.

The orchestra is a challenging and rewarding class. Each member contributes everything they have to the Highland orchestra. Every member deserves a great amount of recognition for all the time and effort it gives to Highland High School.

• Stephanie Rodriguez

Freshman Cheryl Brouilette faithfully practices her part to prepare for another challenging performance.

Sophmore Shannon Vasquez and Freshman Brian Zelenke pay close attention to stay in perfect harmony.

Freshman Phil Weiss enjoys the comfort of casual playing in the classroom as opposed to the pressure of the stage.

Junior Brian Vargas warms up to make sure every note is precise before beginning another hour of hard work.

Helen Tzanetakos grins at the pleasingly sweet sound she brings out of her instrument. All photos by Lynette Dobrowalski.

"As a member of the orchestra, I found challenge, relaxation, pride and dedication all wrapped up in an instrument. Playing the violin is more than a hobby, it is a way of life."

•StephanieRodriguez

Governing Well

Leadership demands special skills & drive

Whether in a Government class, Student Council, or a job, Government affects us all in one way or another. It is important to know how our government works in order to get involved and have an active role. When a person turns eighteen, there comes the role of voting. There are a lot of responsibilities that go along with this process -- learning what candidates stand for.

Voting basically means electing a person as a representative for the people. Doing your part by voting is important because this person should be keeping the best interests of all in mind.

It takes more than followers to achieve the goals of any group

Being involved in Student Council greatly helps in obtaining leadership skills. This also helps one to understand and relate to the U.S. Government and the way it runs. Government classes teach students how our government came to be. It also teaches what the Constitution is made up of and the conditions it sets. People can learn the effect the Constitution serves in all of our lives and how important it is to abide by the rules it sets.

•Dana Strange, Sara Harkabus

Senior Melissa Bowen listens to ideas presented before the Highland High Student Council.

Learning How Others Led Makes Better Leaders of Us

Whether it is meeting new people, improving the school, learning the laws of our country , or finding new ways to conserve money, students are constantly experiencing new tactics to help them become acquainted with economics and government.

Even though some of us don't realize it, our school has a government where various students provide the necessary basics needed for the real world.

Economics classes taughtby Mr. Gene Kelly and Mr. MikeSunny teach Highland pupils how different businesses interact, the flow of money, taxes, unions, and how they are organized. When students go into the real world these lessons will be widely used.

Highland High School's Student Council is made up of class representatives and inter-club representatives. Student Council furnishes its members with many outlooks. "The main purpose of Student Council is to promote school spirit through activities.", says Mr. Kaminski, "Most important, it is to teach the leadership to govern themselves, which is valuble to them throughout their lives."

> **"The main purpose of Student Council is to teach the leadership to govern themselves, which is valuable to people throughout their lives."**
>
> **Mr. Dennis Kaminski**

Student Council emphasizes social action and provides services to those in need.

"Our goal for this year was to raise a good deal of money for Warren School fifth grade student Tim Porre at the Spaghetti Dinner. Tim and his family were the recipients of the 1995 Student Council Spaghetti Dinner", says Valerie Rieckhoff, student council corresponding secretary. "Sadly Tim passed away on December 16, 1994 because of a brain tumor."

Government classes taught by Mr. Greg Petrin present a fun way to learn about our country. "Mr. Petrin is never in a bad mood, and teaches our class with humor", says senior Dana Strange.

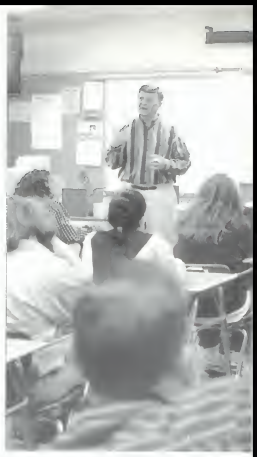
The infamous "Market Street" filmstrips in Mr. Kelly's Ecomomics class show students how economy is tied to the real world.

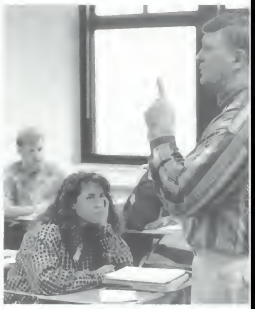
With such a structured knowledge of government, economics, and hands-on social aid activities, it would seem students would possess the definite requirements to face the demands of voting and surviving in the world today.

• Anna Landsman

The spaghetti dinner was the most successful ever this year, benefiting a Highland family.

Member Jenny Bajda speaks before the Council while senior Gina Giovanelli takes notes.





Valerie Rieckoff, Phrosini Samis, and Wendy Kish ride on their Homecoming converible.

Council Officers G. Giovanelli, W. Kish, P. Samis, V. Rieckoff, J. Tabor, and D. Johnston

Tracy Ziemniak listens intently to Mr. Greg Petrin during Government class.

Mr. Greg Petrin explains to his Government class the various cases involving Amendments.

Hi Tech

The Future

The futuristic world in which we live is filled with many technological advancements. However, mankind never stands still in its endeavors to better itself and the quality of life on this planet we call Earth.

Through the research and development of various scientists and engineers, many advancements have been made over the decades. From fuel-injected automobile engines to non-stick frying pans, these discoveries have been cultivated to provide the best way of life possible. While many of these betterments do not directly affect the teens of the high school, some do; which, for the most part, are concerned with entertainment.

Our assimilation of the new technologies of the decade is also a very important step towards our crucial adaption to the real world and the real life. So, while technology is great for having a good time, we must not lose sight of the big picture: To reach our lofty goals, we must remove all the boundaries in our imagination.

• Anthony Dosado

Several Highland High students put the new Commons area to use. (At left) The Magic-Eye is everywhere.

Hi-Tech

The wave of the future is coming in with the next tide

In the old days, things were different, and life wasn't as easy as it is today.

Many modern inventions have helped us to bear the stresses of everyday life in convenient and relaxing ways. Some of these miracle devices facilitate our work, while others expedite our play.

Probably the greatest of the technological developments of man during this age is virtual reality. While immersed in the fantasticaly surreal world of a computer system, the body reacts as if it were in the real one. One of the hottest virtual spots in this region is at North Pier Shopping Mall in Chicago. This place has it all, from robotic warfare simulators to a computerized version of gun-tag.

Another realm of progress is that of communication. Some various methods of connecting include the cellular phone, allowing us to call our friends and the great information super-highway, where those of us endowed with computers and modems can talk to other people across the nation and around the world.

There are so many advancements in the world today that they all can't possibly be covered in this space. Every single machine or tool that we use today was technologically advanced at some time. Keep that in mind the next time you stare at one of those Magic Eye posters; they're hi-tech, too.

• Anthony Dosado

Above, computer storage banks of data make the library more accessible.

VCR's in the Media Center were available to all the high school teachers.

Hi Tech even invaded Guidance and all other high school offices.

New & Improved

This year, Highland was reborn into an institution of greater education. The renovation process has had dramatic affects on the students and the teaching process. The students have much to say on this matter . . .

"I've noticed the change in students' behavior since the school's renovation. A lot of them are taking advantage of the new facilities, but most have no respect ," says senior Tanya Hasselbring.

"The Commons area was a great idea. I've heard stories about the 'forbidden benches'; I don't feel as intimidated by the upper classmen as I thought," says freshman Tiffany Wojno.

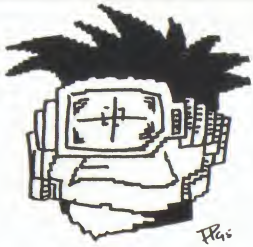
"I've seen the whole renovation process. It seemed strange to watch them tear the school apart. I can barely remember how things were before," remembers Kristy Lane, a senior.

"I have worked on the new computers, and it seems unreal that they can do so many things," says Angela Koleno, a junior.

"We all have more opportunities now. There are new programs set up that could not have happened without new facilities," says junior Matt Havens.

Left, Mrs. Leslye Keil tries gets into a new Magic Eye picture folder.

Above, computers play a big part in many Highland High School classes.



Elements and Equations

A Part Of Everyday Life

At least once in your lifetime you have asked the question, "When am I going to use math or science in my life?"

There are times when math can be very helpful to you, such as, when you are at the mall and see a sale, but do not know how much 20% off is. But at times, math can also be very painful. When you are stepping on the scale and notice those extra pounds, or when you add some inches to your waistline.

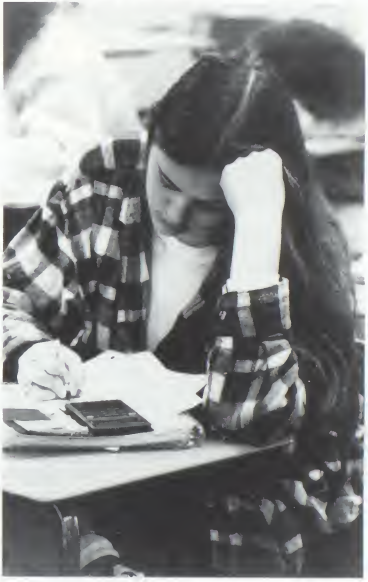
What are some of your favorite things to do at home? Are they talking on the phone or watching t.v.? If it wasn't for science you would not have the opportunity to reach out and touch someone, or turn on the tube to watch a Brady Bunch rerun.

"When am I going to use math or science in my life? Why does it matter? Isn't that why there are calculators?"

The next timeyou find yourself asking the question,"When am I going to use math and science in my life?" Try answering the question,"When am I *not* going to use math or science in my life?"

• **Deanna Crum, Angela Koleno**

Jill Begala, senior, thinks intensely while working on herTrignometry test in Mr. Anderson's class.



Junior Helen Colby concentrates as she works on a lab in her Chem class. Junior Mark Klapkowski and Senior Anthony Van Prooyen go over a problem together in math class.

Seniors Robert Grau, James Barrett, and Dave Hugus work on thier Frictional Force Lab in Mr. Farley's Physics class. Beth Halcarcz, junior, is hard at work on her assignment in Trig class.

MATH and SCIENCE

Math and science are just pieces of one big puzzle of things one needs to learn as they go through life. Both courses help provide a strong background which can lead to bigger and better tihings. Only two years of both of these subjects are required but a basic knowledge, especially of mathematics, is necessary to survive in the real world. Math and science are not necessarily the most interesting of classes. With the right attitude, however, one can be amazed at how much he or she can accomplish. Labs in science help give students hands-on experience and videos like the famous "giving birth" video Mr. Johnson shows in his Biology class. But the most important piece of the elements and equations puzzle is the teacher. A good teacher can make all the difference, if they have a unique way of teaching, it can make even the most boring subject seem exciting.

> Math and Science can be fun if you have the right teacher.

• **Sara Harkabus**

Martin Zufall, senior, uses his calculator to figure out a tough problem in Trigonometry class.

Doug Rhein, senior, mixes and weighs chemicals for his AP Chemistry project.

Jill Petska, senior, and Steve Ziemniak, junior, work on their time lab in Physics class.

Ms. Shawn Shepard helps one of her students by explaining the directions for an assignment.

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Mind & Body

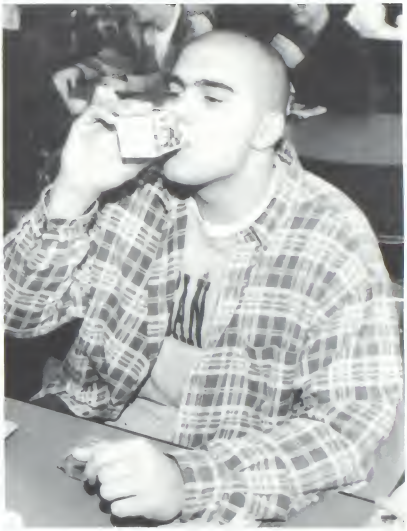
Psychosomatic is a real word

School has a lot of emphasis put on the mind and learning, yet things are difficult for any individual if the body is not working properly. There are many aspects of physical health which are part of Highland High School's curriculum and day. From trying to eat a balanced and healthy meal in the school cafeteria to getting enough exercise not only in gym class, but in simply transversing the school several times a day, there is much offered to help physical health. There are some who, after walking from one end of the building to the middle school wing say, "Moving through this school is its own cardio-vascular workout!"

Without the body in tune with the mind and the spirit, many things just don't happen well

Also part of physical health in the school are all the extra-curricular sports, which give students opportunity not only to learn physical skills, but get good exercise and learn teamwork as well.

While there are many ways of learning during the school day, many of those aspects have much to do with keeping physically healthy and strong, and also learning how the body is going to work as teens draw ever closer to the years of adulthood and what they hold.



Football Player Jim Raudonis needs some liquid during a brutal home game against Bishop Noll. Above, tons of body language abouds.

Above, right, Sasha Vukas drinks lots of milk. His stamina and strength brought home victory in the sectional game against Lake Central.

Senior Heather Skertich takes a break between innings during a tough softball game. Highland beat Griffith 5-3.

Work It Out!

They're our bodies & They matter!

Maintaining a healthy life style isconducive to good health. There areseveral things offered by Highland HighSchool which can help to maintain this healthy way of life.

For those not-so-healthy moments, we can always turn to the nurse. For anything from an injury in gym class to a bad class of the flu, the nurse's office is the place to go. It offers medicines,sympathy, and some say a few of the most comfortable beds around.

Gym class. For some, these two words bring to mind visions of hours of fatigue and pain. For others, they bring to mind a perfect way to release bottled-up energy.

An advanced Physical Education class, weights is the perfect class for you if strength is the element which you would like to gain. It gives you a chance to test personal abilities and to set goals for yourself to achieve.

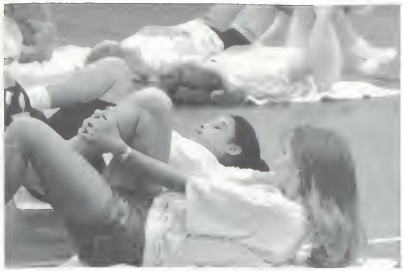
Feel the burn! This is a common phrase heard among students who choose to add aerobics to their class curriculum. Aerobics, including step aerobics, is a perfect way for students to exercize if they don't have time to do it out of school.

All of these classes help students stay fit while simultaneously having fun. The benefits of taking these classes are endless, even if you aren't often motivated to get off of the couch. Not only do theses courses give you the ability to get fit and stay fit; they can also make you feel like a whole new person.

• **Selena Cox, Monica Dyson**

Nurse Mrs. Mazzocco helps Olivia Griner fix a bracket on her braces, which goes to show visits to the nurse aren't always typical.

Amy Evilsizor, Melanie Rosaschi, Brad Joseph and Matt Havens feel the burn during an intense workout during Aerobics class.



Melissa Breger and Melissa Gonzalez warm up before beginning to exercise, which is an important element in a proper workout.

Amy Pieszchala and students from other area schools participate in role playing during a medical course at the Area Career Center.

Let's Be Practical!

From Home Ec To Building Homes

The major incentive in going to high school is the fact that each day helps prepare us for our future. Some classes make us wonder how we will use them toward our futures. Some classes just seem more practical than others.

Not every student plans on furthering their education beyond High School. Some may want to stay at home, and being a homemaker requires numerous skills, many of which are not instinct, but which have to be learned. For these students Highland offers classes like Child Development, Foods,

and Consumer Education that will be useful in organizing a household. Those who may consider going to work directly after high school can chose from courses such as Keyboarding, Drafting, or Computer Literacy.

Courses in Home Economics and Business can be useful for students who plan on continuing their schooling also, they may learn how to balance a home and a career or they may aquire business skills to use in their futures, or to fall back on. Life has a lot to offer, and this proves, that so does School.

• Stephanie Rodriguez

Mike Pieters peels spuds; Ms. Larsen, Becki Kinder and Jenni Franz with top cakes.

Kim Porte, Brandi Cowgill, Heather Kaczmarek, Mandy Butcher and Kristy Lane.

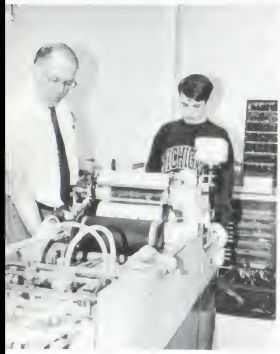
Candi Boesel makes bread in foods class while the men shows their skills by mixing up some great filling.

Left page: Kristy Lane, Heather Kczmarek, Brandi Cowgill and Beth Fouch.

Brian McDonald works out an architectural problem in his drafting class.

Todd Willhoit works in the afternoon Building Trades class to help build the new house.

Mr. Bert Poi and his aide Marc Cooper run yet another printing job for Highland High.



Matt Novak tackles an assignment in Mr. Pearson's construction class.

Introduction to Manufacturing finds Clint Keene and Rich Segaly working.

Industrial Tech, Building Trades Put students on track to future

The Industrial Technology classes at Highland High School are taught by Mr. Bert Poi and Mr. Douglas Pearson.

Among the offerings are: Energy Systems, Electronics Communication, Introduction to Transportation, Communications Planning, and Introduction to Construction. Mr. Poi teaches Drafting I, Introduction to Communication, Drafting II, and Graphic Communications. Mr. Pearson teaches Manufacturing and classes which deal with wood and construction concepts.

There are also classes in this curriculum which are Tech Prep, which means students who take them may receive college credit classes through Pudue Calumet

The Highland Building Trades Class is taught by Mr. Duane Sieb. He and two crews of morning and afternoon students have built a house this year on Liable Road.

Tomorrow's skills need attention in today's classroom

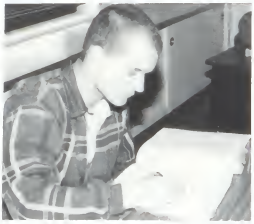
Left, Jeremy Rumas uses one of the many tools in Mr. Poi's drafting class.

The new Building Trades class house, and Mr. Poi helping Sarah Stinnett in class.

They Built It & The People Came

Senior Diane Nackman works her way through the year in Computer Applications class in the Business Department.

Senior Nate Damasius works on a project; Mrs. Lovin helps students Darci Madison and Ken Kuiper.



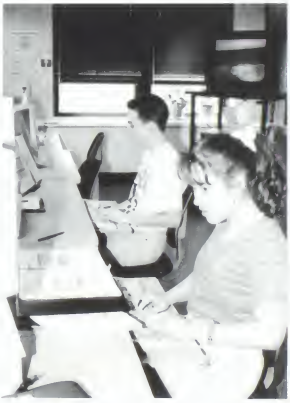
Business Classes prepare For Hi-Tech future of commerce

Sometimes it's hard to wake up every morning at the same time, to go to the same place, with the same people. The only thought that keeps us going is that we are preparing ourselves for our future, and that all of this work will pay off. However in some cases, this is not apparent. We are not always sure of how learning how to calculate the area of a rhombus will help, but we do know that some classes are sure to pay off.

We are given the opportunity of learning some basic accounting skills in *Accounting I-IV* students can learn about partnership, termonology, and accounting procedures. There are also courses dealing strictly with business, like *Business Law, Intro to Business, and Business Management.* In these classes, students are taught their legal rights, and their role as consumers. There are many classes that can prove helpful in an office, including *Office Procedures, Computer Literacy, Word Processing and Keyboarding.*

As long as highland continues to offer these courses, we may continue to wake up every morning, at the same time...

• Stephanie Rodriguez



Hmm . . . Tony Hurtt poses a tough problem in Computer Applications class. He solved it correctly.

Far left, senior Ken Kuiper balances keyboard, notes, computer and knowledge as he works through an assignment.

Left, Senior Tony Doffin prepares to take computer knowledge into the business world and his career with him.

Melissa Kantowski and Tony Doffin look confident as they breeze through an assignment in computerized business.

Takin' Care of Business

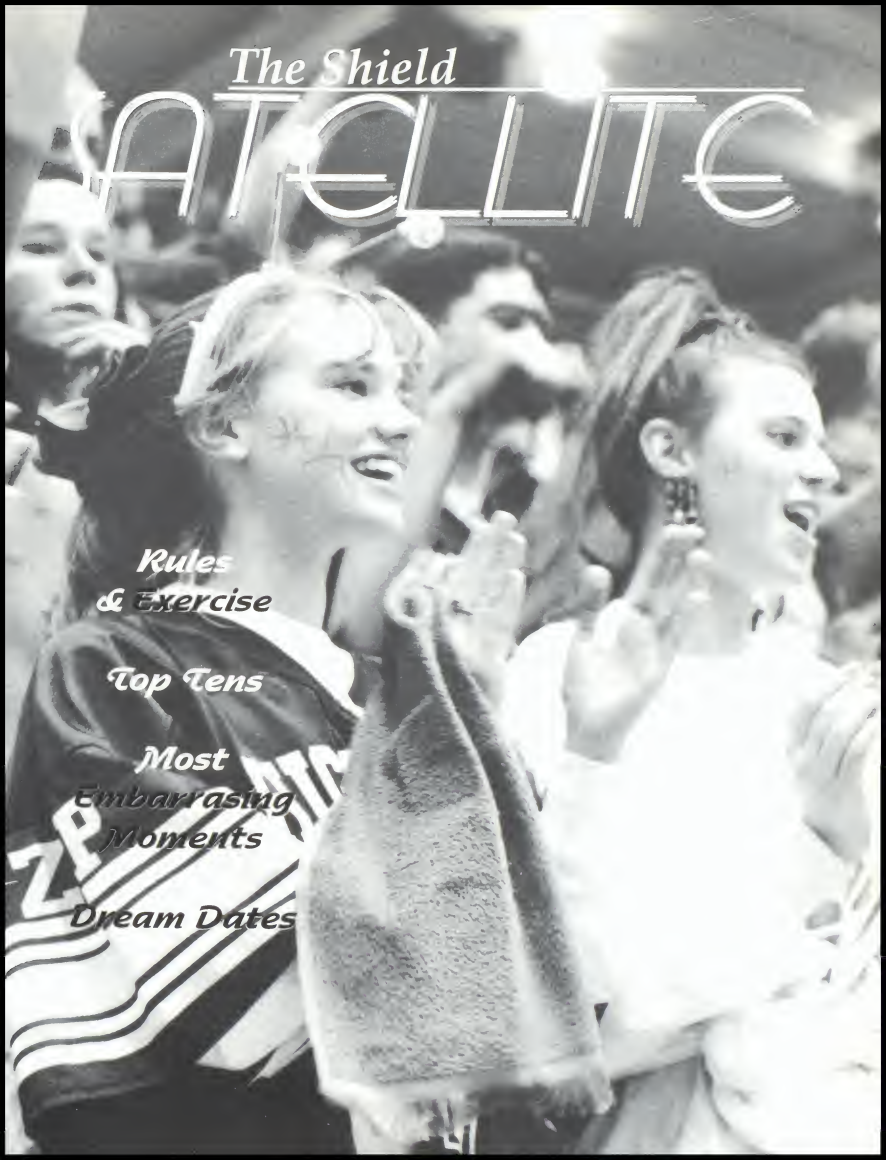
INVOLVED & PART OF IT ALL!

Above: Working at the Spaghetti Dinner. *Art Honor* R.1: P.Whitener, T. Lee, J.H.Han, L. Kush, V. Reickhoff R.2: R.Tam, J. Beanblossom, M. Kawecki, M. L. Naglich, S. Gogolak, L. Miloshoff, J. Jensen, M. Gray, M. Koby R.3: J. Courtright, B. Brown, M. Olzewski, S. Sons, T. Furman, J. Simala.

Above, Brad Klemm. Community Helpers: Laary Raab of Ultra, Mr. Kaminsky of the Student Council, Mrs. Mary Zaragoza, John Tabor, Ms. Scheringa of Bill's Produce and Sue Baker of Baker Produce join SC officers to give a check to Mrs. Zaragoza.

The Shield

SATELLITE



Rules & Exercise

Top Tens

Most Embarrasing Moments

Dream Dates

WAKE-UP

If you're not a morning person, and are sick of Saturday Class, or ever have a fight with your alarm clock before school then here are ten easy steps to take off the time:

1. Shower the night before.
2. Don't shave -- go stubbly.
3. Gargle -- don't brush.
4. Go for the comfortable look-- skip the nylons.
5. Throw on anything from the floor --that's not too wrinkled.
6. Have juice for breakfast -- perferrably O.J.
7. Leave your shoes by the door -- no laces required.
8. Leave your books in car -- mandatory study hall.
9. Do make-up on the way to school-- skip the eyeliner.
10. Stop signs with white border are optional.

RULES

Getting down to the nitty gritty benefits us all!

No Hats. . . No Gum. . . NoBathrooms. . . What's next? Cameras? Along with a physical renovation Highland has also had some major mental changes. The administration is getting tougher and many new rules are starting to appear.

A new way of dealing with students who don't abide by the rules is to issue a Saturday Class. This is a three hour study period that begins at eight o'clock, with no sleeping, no talking, no fun!!!!!!

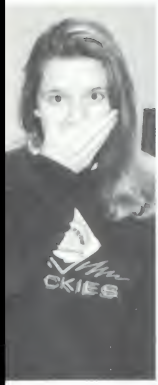
One new rule that was installed with the carpet was NO GUM CHEWING. Gum getting stuck in the carpet has become a problem for the custodians, so any student caught with gum is usually referred for Saturday class.

Highland's tardy policy doesn't tolerate any slackers, either. A "three strikes you're" out policy is in effect. After three times being late to one class, a Saturday class is issued.

Highland is becoming known for its tough policies. But what is most important is that Highland is also becoming known for its well mannered and mature student body.

Jason Fenoglio and Becky Penwell fight over some school materials.

See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil: some rules journalism people live by.



Generation X

They say that we're wild and out of control.

We're not the "Baby Boomers" or the "Hippies", so what are we? Generation X - nice name, don't you think? Our generation does have its own special personality, though. "Grunge", "alternative", and "hip-hop" are just a few of the styles that we have gone through. Our styles show in the music we listen to, our clothes, and our actions.

"All young people cannot be stereotyped based on thier appearance," says senior Anthony Dosado, "We **are** different. Just as every generation is to each other.

Other generations seem to look down on us. They say that we don't put our two-cents in towards our society. Junior Mike Koby states, "Our generation might be too diverse to be placed in a single catagory. Generation X has to deal with serious problems such as teenage pregnancy, AIDS, suicide, and many others."

The 90's are a difficult time to live. If the people of past generations were in our time, they would be struggling just as much as we are, if not more.

Although we may seem loud and obnoxious, all we want is to be heard.

• **Deanna Crum, Angela Koleno**

Senior Kelly Herald haves some fun with bubble gum in the lot.

Larry, don't move! There's an alien Mickey crawling on your back!

People's Choice

Favorite Way to Spend Time

1. Anywhere with friends
2. Out with boyfriend or girlfriend
3. Playing Sports
4. Sleeping
5. Exercising
6. Shopping

Best place to spend money

1. River Oaks Mall
2. Southlake Mall
3. Big Time Records
4. Contempo
5. Fast Food
6. Movies

Best Place to Take a Date

1. Movies
2. Dinner
3. Chicago
4. Beach
5. Staying Home
6. Zoo

Quick Tips

If you're tired of visiting the doctor once a week and need a quick pick-me-up that won't cost you a fortune, there's a cure for every problem. Try a few of these simple home remedies:

1. Gargle salt water for a sore thoat.
2. Use steak for a black eye.
3. Warm mineral oil for ear aches.
4. Try mayonnaise for hair conditioner.
5. Mix garlic with water for the croup.
6. Cut cucumbers for puffy eyes.
7. Spray lemon juice to lighten hair.
8. Drink honey and tea for colds.
9. Eat Tootsie Roll for hiccups.
10. Drink 7-UP and crackers for flu.
11. Place tea bags on stys.
12. Massage for sore muscles.
13. Take bubble bath for depression.
14. **Sleep** for the ultimate cure.

Dream Dates

How Romantic Could It Be?

• A day Bear's game, then a romantic picnic in the park at Chicago.

• A candle-light dinner at home with romantic music and flowers.

• Dinner at Alexander's, dancing for two on the pier at Meadow's Park' and a single rose to end the night.

• A trip to the zoo, followed by a picnic lunch with a stop at the gift shop on the way out , to buy a pair of stuffed love birds.

• Spend the day hiking at the Dunes, stop and watch the sunset. Then end the evening roasting marshmallows by a fire.

• Spending the day hanging out watching the football game or whatever is on T.V. And after a homemade dinner, taking a walk to Dairy Queen for some dessert.

• Taking a midnight drive in a convertible with the top down, the wind in your hair and a full moon in the sky.

• Take a vacation to Bahamas over spring break with your favorite sweetheart watching the sunset over the ocean.

Senior Steve Stasny thinks about a perfect solution to an everyday problem.

Rebecca Kinder and Nick Peters enjoy a conversation during a slow song.

People's Choice

Favorite Band

1. Green Day
2. Pearl Jam
3. Allson's Mailbox
4. Nirvana
5. Live
6. Grateful Dead

Most Overplayed Song

1. "On Bended Knee" Boys II Men
2. "When I Come Around" Green Day
3. "Bootie Call"
4. "All I Wanna Do"
5. "All That She Wants" Ace of Base
6. "Mr. Jones" Counting Crows

Something ... to blush about.

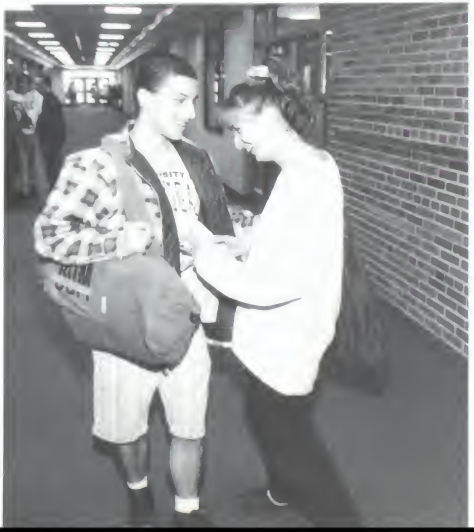
Some of the most embarassing moments ever.

• I was walking, well running, out to the bus with one of my friends. It was the beginning of spring, so the ice had turned to slippery mud and slush, and I slipped and fell into a huge puddle. When I got on the bus everyone was laughing at me.

• I was at Baker's Square with my best friend. We were sitting in a booth with a group of gorgeous guys behind us. The waitress brought our food, along with a bottle of ketchup. I assumed the lid would be tight, so I started shaking the bottle. The lid flew off the bottle and soared across the restaurant and practically the entire bottle of ketchup spilt all over the guys behind us.

• I was walking down the stairs by the history hallway with my boyfriend. I took a really big step, missed the stair and fell the rest of the way down, taking him with me. I was just laying there, with my books everywhere, and all he could do was laugh.

• I was trying to impress this girl, so she would go out with me. I got a pair of crutches and went to visit her at work. When I got to the door, my foot got caught and I fell and dislocated my shoulder. The restaurant had to call an ambulance and she ended up going to the hospital with me. We've been together ever since.



Senior Mimi Garcia and Jake Novak stop for a quick chat in the hallway.

Junior Sarah DeMaris and Jason Cashhad a great time at Turnabout this year.

HHS Food

It makes yu' feel good.

One factor of school life that remains the same from day to day is the sustenance which fuels the students.

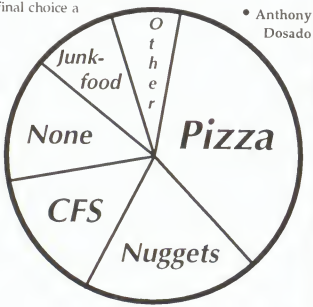
Any student in this institution can choose from three options. One can brown-bag it and plan out their lunch at home.

The second set of pupils will go straight to the notorious *ala-carte* line, also known as the junk food line. Along with all that glorious mouth-rot is offered some healthier choices of food including diet beverages, bottled water, and suprisingly well-flavored rice cakes.

The third and final choice a student can opt for at HHS is the old, trusted friend, the hot-lunch line. Day to day, the menu fortells what stomach-treasure will be made available to the student body in each of the three lunches. These rewards are varied delicacies ranging from the coveted pizza to the totally unknown cheesy, meaty stuff.

Shown in the following graph are some of the top food choices as surveyed among a select body of students in Study Hall. Please note that these are rough estimations but keep it in mind the next time the big lunch-decision has to be made.

• Anthony Dosado



Top Rate Fat Burners

Exercise	Calories Burned
Rollerblading	210
Mountain Biking	250
Aerobics	250
Dancing	150
Jogging	360
Stair Climbing	340
Swimming	235
Walking	135
Step Class	240
Rowing	300

Bust a Move!

keeping in shape the fun way

"I'm fat, lazy , out of shape, tired, and bored." The number os times these thoughts pass through the minds of students are uncountable.

Students may not realize that the simplest things like taking a test or even vacuumming the house are burning calories. Not that vegging out with a bag of chips, watching talk shows everyday after school will tone mucles, but little things can be considered calorie burners and can even be fun.

Roller blading seems to be a new fad cruising through Highland. "The most exercise I ever got before I bought my roller blades was from my remote control," says senior Kelly Herald. Skating is a great form of exercise. It's a lot of fun and the soreness doesn't set in until the wheels have stopped.

Many students rely on school activities to keep them in shape. "Before the season starts, lifting food fron my plate to my mouth is a work out for me," says wrestler Vince Vasile. School sports help students stay involved and the competition makes it exciting.

Some students not only use their energy for outside school teams, but there aere also classes that can be added to a student's daily schedule such as aerobics, weights, or the freshman's favorite P.E..

"Feel the burn, force reps" is a famous saying from Coach Hanson during his weight program. If the workouts in these classes are done properly students start to notice the difference, not only physically but mentally students get more prepared.

If students realize how much exercise can do for them, the commonly used excuse "I'll start tomorrow" can be forgotten.

• Tiffany Wojciechowski

Senior Brad Joseph likes to keep in shape during Aerobics Class.

Melissa Breger and Christina Gutierez practice their aerobic steps.

Seniors Kelly Hood and Jill Bishop enjoy rollerblading to pass time in the summer.

Junior Bryan Skaggs ate a school lunch full of nutrition and protein.

People's Choice

Best Restuarants	Best Talk Shows	World's Biggest Problem
1. Baker's Square	1. Ricki Lake	1. Violence
2. Top Notch	2. Jerry Springer	2. Racism
3. Purple Steer	3. Jenny Jones	3. Sexuality
4. Taco Bell	4. Montel Williams	4. Disease
5. Olive Garden	5. David Letterman	5. Homeless
6. Jedi's	6. The Tonight Show	6. Drugs

Helping It Work In Many Ways

Below, the orchestra at Brookfield Zoo's Christmas concert, Mr. Pazik leads HHS vocalists at the sectional, Jon Seremet at the International Dinner.

A true part of every spirited event at Highland High School, the Highland Dance Team provides entertainment and well-disciplined team work.

History Repeats

And the future remains the best

With learning from books there also grows the greater learning one receives from teachers, and from being part of the real world.

In HHS Social Studies classes there is history to be understood -- much of it so it cannot be repeated again. There are lessons of economic soundness, care for one's fellow man, and the workings of what is still the greatest form of government in the world. There is the promise of having the vote and choosing the leaders who will take us through the years and the century ahead.

Through classes taught in Social Studies classes students can reach back into the past to gain perspective, then try to turn their own thoughts, visions, and ambitions into a future which holds the promise and the possibility of always being better.

That is the beauty of history and government. Nothing is finished but the past; the future remains the brightest thing any student can approach with the knowledge he or she has learned.

At HHS there are excellent teachers, and students who can touch the worth of the past as they reach into the possibilities their own tomorrows can hold.

That is Social Studies — nothing more nor less than a greatness which can still be.

Linda Chiang and Brett Nagdeman go head-to-head at the map game. Photo by Callaway.

Mr. Michael Sunny speaks a little on the topic of World Geography. Photo by Chicki.

Senior Katie Siebold listens to an intense lecture with her classmates. Photo by Callaway.

Social Studies

Students Learn the Tricks of Society

One of the major course categories available at Highland High School is Social Studies. This selection of classes consists of mandatory courses as well as electives. The range of choices is quite wonderful.

Economics and Applied Economics are two required courses exploring the world of trading, investment, and money. What better place to learn money-skills of the future than at HHS.

Two science oriented social classes are the complementary pair of Psychology and Sociology. Here students unlock the secrets of the mind and the complications of society. They also take tests under the watchful eyes of trolls.

Studies about the United States, the other side of the globe, and all places in between take place in World Geography. Learn the capitals and important cities, and later, play the infamous map game.

Everyone's old favorite, History, remains. In this study we learn of our past triumphs and mistakes and look toward the future. We'll be prepared with the knowledge we learn in Social Studies.

• Anthony Dosado

Students learn about our economy in the interesting class of Economics. Photo by Callaway.

Anthony VanProoyen, a senior, laughs as he learns in World Geography. Photo by Callaway.

1994 — 1995

Law Helps Make News

Simpson Trial Overwhelms News Until The Blast of Oklahoma City

Nation Appalled As Terrorism Hits Home

> *"I just looked at the front of the building, and knew both of my sons were gone."*
> *Edie Smith*

As 1994 drew to a close, most of the country was talking about the young mother in the South who had first stated her two young sons were abducted by a kidnapper, only to admit later that she herself had killed them by letting them drown in the family car.

The country was horrified.

How could a mother do such a thing to her own children?

Then 1995 came, and with it a new horror — how could a country's own citizens turn on their government and kill innocent men, women and children in an insane protest against government decisions?

1995 was a sobering time for America, and for Highland. As views of the carnage and destruction of lives and families in Oklahoma City flowed day after day on television sets, many discussions were held in classes, and students took time to consider what had happened.

With the country suddenly aware of militant groups who train with attack weapons and a second look at those who feel free to criticize everyone and everything through the air waves, Highland and the country began to wonder what was happening.

In 1995 the country and Highland came of age, wondering where the hate came from. Then good things began to happen.

White House, Capitol Weigh Decisions on hatred, violence

Baseball begs, Jordan returns, & O.J. waits

Baseball made news in '94-'95. In 1994 the grand old pasttime turned into a brand new greed fest, and when players finally agreed to play under the same terms in late spring of '95, many fans chose to stay away, even from home openers for the White Sox and Cubs. Somehow something had changed, and fans were voting with their feet.

The O.J. Simpson trial droned on, with half the original jurors gone by May. CNN carried every moment, but when many began to feel this was not the finest hour for justice and the workings of court trials, remotes started seeking out other fare. As the yearbook went to press, the prosecution had still not finished presenting its case, and the fear that more jurors would go left a mistrial or hung jury definite possibilities.

Nature made its presence felt this year, from floods in California and the South to changes in weather patterns. Highland again had an extremely warm winter, with few big snowfalls. The fall was like summer, and the spring was like winter. Strange.

On the entertainment scene, The Lion King and Brad Pitts were audience favorites, and tastes in music moved from hard rock to more mellow kinds of tunes made by such groups as Huey and the Blowfish.

Michael Jackson, the Prince of Pop, married Lisa Marie Presley, daughter of the King of Rock and Roll. While skeptics wondered how long the marriage would last, the couple stayed out of the public eye and wondered if they should keep living in Neverland. Reports were that Graceland was not happy.

Another Michael — Jordan, returned from retirement to the Chicago Bulls, and once again fans had more reason to watch the NBA. Talk of a "Four Peat" bounced off the new United Center, where the Bulls played.

"Jackie was part of our family and part of our hearts for forty wonderful and unforgettable years, and she will never really leave us.

–Senator Edward Kennedy, after the death of Jacqueline Kennedy Onasis

"Touch me / It's so easy to leave me / alone with the memory / of my days in the sun"

–A line from the musical "Cats" O.J. Simpson was singing in the

"Whoever has my children, please, please bring them back!"

–Susan Smith pleas to the kidnapper of her two sons on the day before she confessed to their murder.

"He told me he was going to take him out. He told me he was going to kill the President."

–David Mills, a friend of Francisco Duran. Duran was accused of spraying the White House with gunfire.

Deaths

- **Jessica Tandy**
  –Actress, age 85
- **Burt Lancaster**
  –Actor, age 80
- **Jeffery Dahmer**
  –Serial Killer, age 34
- **Kurt Cobain**
  –Nirvana, age 27
- **Jacqueline Kennedy Onasis**
  –Former First Lady
- **Richard Nixon**
  — Former President, 84
- **201 Oklahoma City Residents**
  — All Too Young To Die
- **Howard Cosell**
  —Sportscaster, 82

WORDS ...

Reading and Writing & Writing and Reading

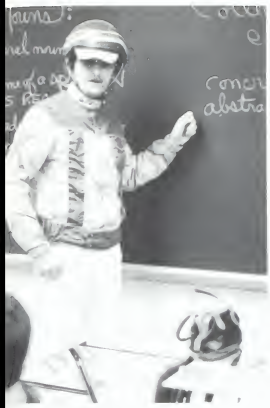
English has been called one of the hardest languages in the world to learn. People taking some of the languages here at Highland might disagree. While many people born in the U.S. may feel that the English language is "a piece of cake" they have to remember that with all of the slang and double-meaning words, someone coming from another country might be in big trouble. Say for example that you were talking to someone about an experience such as a school play coming up and you were to say to that person, "Break a leg." If a person that doesn't understand English very well happened to overhear, that person might take this in a very negative way when what they really mean is to wish that particular person good luck. So the next time you are sitting in your French, German, Japanese, or Spanish class complaining about how hard you have it, take another look and realize how lucky you really are.

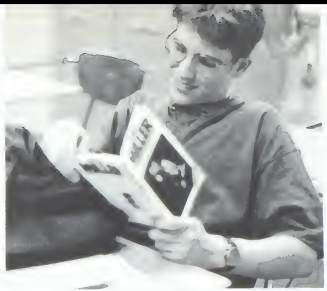
• **Sara Harkabus**

A Spoken Word May Be Forgotten, But A Written Word Can Last Forever. English Teaches Us To Write Things Worthy Of A Lifetime.

Stephanie Rodriguez

Mrs. Gloria Karr's freshman English class is busy working on one of their daily assignments.





Mr. Huber uses his imagination in an interesting way to get his class more involved in their lesson.

Adam Szubryt concentrates on reading *The Crucible* , a play by Arthur Miller read in Junior English classes.

Mrs. Carolyn Slys explains the answers of a vocabulary lesson to her attentive Junior English class.

Cathleen Yuraitis, junior, reads to her flour baby during free time in her English class.

Carrie Ruhs, junior, concentrates intently on the literary works of Emily Dickenson.

In Other Words...

There is more to say!

When taking a foreign language, one soon comes to realize that it is not just another class.

This year the Twelfth Annual International Dinner was heldthis year. It is a dinner to which all foreign language students are invited and at which select students are initiated into the Foreign Language National Honor Societies.

The entertainment at the Foreign Language Dinner was provided this year by Mrs. Lopez and her Spanish IV class. They sang the song "Maria Isabella"; a song about the approach of the spring season.

In Other Words...

C'est À Dire...

En Otras Palabras...

Mit Anderen Worten...

Hoka No Kotoba...

There are also many extra activities offered to students in a foreign language throughout the year. Such as the various programs which can help a student who aspires to study abroad. Many students take advantage of this opportunity. Also offered, is a trip to France, Mexico, and Germany with a group of teachers and fellow students.

If a learning experience is what you are looking for, foreign language is the way to go.

• **Selena Cox, Dana Strange**

Foreign Language Honor Society candidates Jennifer Tom and MaiLei Naglich light ceremonial candles.

Mr. Dennis Kaminski welcomes the guests and talks of the advantages of learning a foreign language.

Mary Albrecht, a third year German student enjoys the desserts after the main course at the International Dinner.

Shannon Gogolak lights her ceremonial induction candle before reciting her Honor Society pledge.

Juniors Jessica O'Connor, Jamie Tucker and Christine Thys provide the entertainment for the guests.

Honor Societies, Clubs And More!

Like Foreign Language classes, the clubs of each of the languages teach their culture in several ways. For instance, some of the members of the Spanish Club performed a traditional Spanish dance at the at the Foreign Language International Dinner. German Club celebrated Karneval, the German equivalent of Mardi Gras. The French Club went to several French plays to experience what the French culture is like.

Foreign Language Week consists of games, movies and a cultural experience day. On the game day, all the different languages come together to play Jeopardy or Wheel of Fortune. There is also a day the class plays a chosen game in their own classroom. The game is spoken in the language they are studying. The movies shown to the students are about their specific culture. The cultural experience day is the one day of the week in which each student is expected to bring a food item to class. The food item is a specific dish from the culture in which they are studying.

Whether studying German, Spanish, French, or Japanese--each culture provides a break from the norm.

• Dana Strange, Selena Cox

Foreign Language Opens The Door To A Whole New World!

Japanese Club: (Row 1) Corrie McFoose, Sarah Bishop, Rachael Bishop, Allison Peach, Sharon Chiang, Anna Landsman, Lindsey Soto(Row 2) Mr. Doukas(sponsor), Susan Finke, Roberta Bruner, Mandy Maglish, Michelle DeBoer, Katie Coble

Spanish teacher Mrs. Salinas reacts to a student's response. Mrs. Rogers helps a first year student. Below, Tony Gomez took French, Spanish, German and Japanese this year.

French Honor: (Row 1) K. Brown, S. Gogolak, K. Furman, K. Martin, S. Cox, H. Tzanetakos, L. Ciganovic, C. Phebus (Row 2) J. Han, K. Amanatidis, K. Garretson, E. Kahn, J. Begala, J. Pete, C. Yatsko (Row 3) R. Tam, J. Courtright, C. Brouilette, J. Solomon, T. Furman, J. Klocek, M. Condes (Row 4) M. Bowen, M. Underwood, K. Smith, R. Guidotti, J. Rohling, J. Simala, M. Jones

Spanish Honor: (Row 1) K. Brown, A. Arreguin, T. Lee, T. Ziemniak, A. Zygmunt, T. Labus, C. Ziemniak, N. Housley (Row 2) T. Doffin, S. Hawkins, L. Miloshoff, P. Samis, J. Downs, A. Kotinski, M. Kaniuk, J. Guerlich, H. Hugus, P. Wojnicz, M. Lowry, L. Ciganovic (Row 3) G. Cabrera, J. Yeo, M. Piezchala, A. Lona, J. Govert, M. Laciak, M. Miller, T. Huitsing, J. Harwood, M. Dvorscak, J. Jayne, A. Diaz, D. Strange, M. Litavitz (Row 4) R. Guidotti, C. Kopishke, T. Fandrei, R. Markley, M. Plawecki, D. Nicksic, T. MacDonald, D. Bakker, D. Biel, N. Negovetich

German Honor: (Row 1) A. MacFarland, L. Loscalzo, D. Shwerin, M. Zimmerman, M. Wilson, D. Rhine (Row 2) J. Schullek, M. Litavitz, J. Jenson, J. Tabor, J. Burosh, J. Seremet, A. Scofield (Row 3) F. MacFarland, E. Hoolehan, M. Gray, S. Gouwens, L. Kuch, R. Bognar, K. Hess, J. Schullek, Mrs. Rogers(sponsor) (Row 4) M. Naglich, N. Fuller, P. Whitener, C. Wilson, E. Gratner

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Spanish Club: (Row 1) T. Lee, J. Franz, T. Labus, L. Mesman, A. Lona, T. Higgins (Row 2) C. Ziemniak, J. Tucker, P. Xidias, M. Plawecki, D. Strange, V. Jayne, M. Piezchala (Row 3) E. Wynkoop, S. Harkabus, M. Mastej, J. Rohling, J. Harwood, A. Diaz

German Club: (Row 1) N. Fuller, J. Jenson, P. Whitener, M. Litavitz, S. Gouwens, L. Kuch, L. Loscalzo, K. Hess (Row 2) D. Smith, J. Hess, K. Lessner, M. Wilson, J. Tabor, M. Wilson, A. MacFarland, R. Slager, E. Grantner (Row 3) Mrs. Rogers(sponsor) M. Fuller, M. Naglich, V. Rieckhoff, J. Schullek, J. Seremet, D. Rhine, R. Bognar, C. Wilson

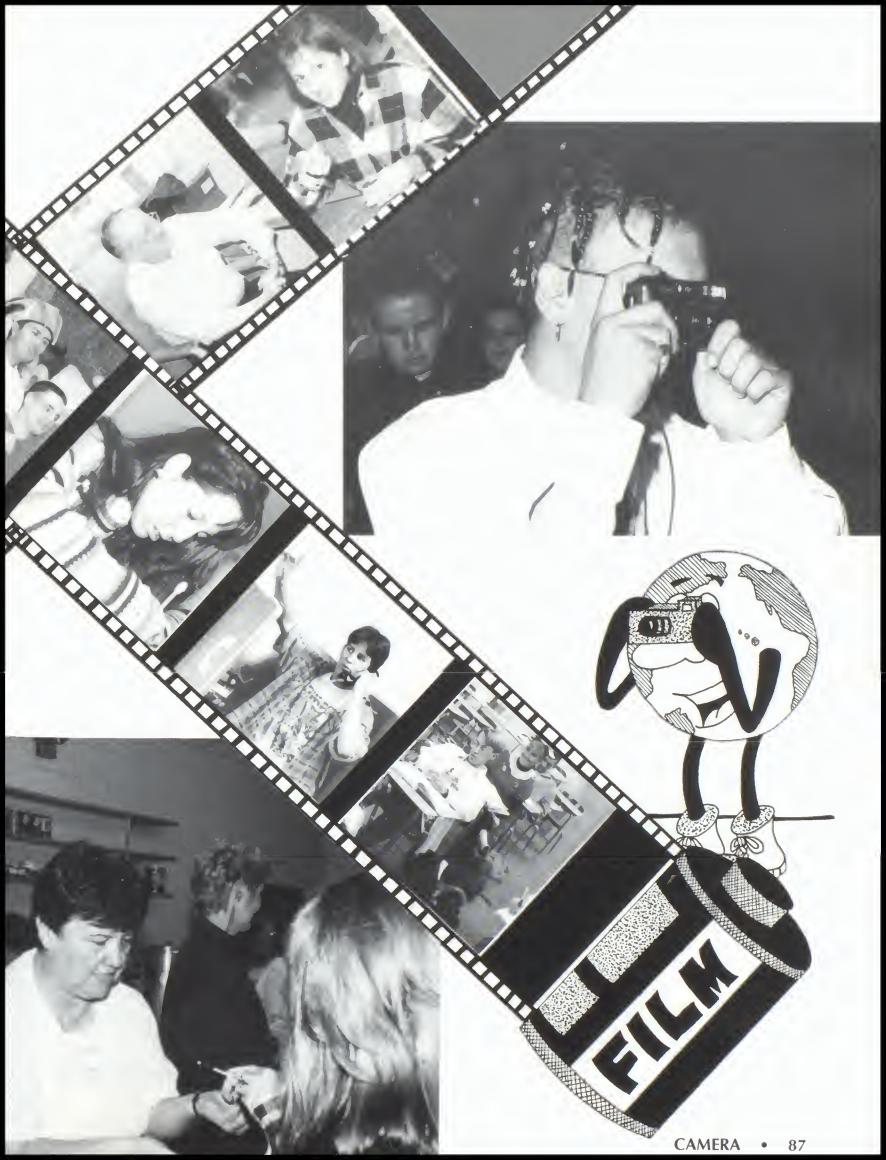
CAMERA!

THE VARIETY OF INDIVIDUALS MAKE HHS UNIQUE

Highland High School has been given a countless number of personalities with interests that range from sports and music to friends and academics. Thanks to all of these students with all of their variety, Highland may never have a dull moment.

Looking around the hallways it is hard to believe that each and every person has a life outside of textbooks and bells. Each individual student has creativity, talent, abilities, and disabilities. Everyone around us has their own thoughts and concerns and has been blessed with happiness and cursed with pain. It is unfortunate that we don't have time to get to know every person in our school, for eveyone has a special quality, and something valuable to offer.

• **Stephanie Rodriguez**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What It Takes To Be An Individual

Taking Life To The Fullest

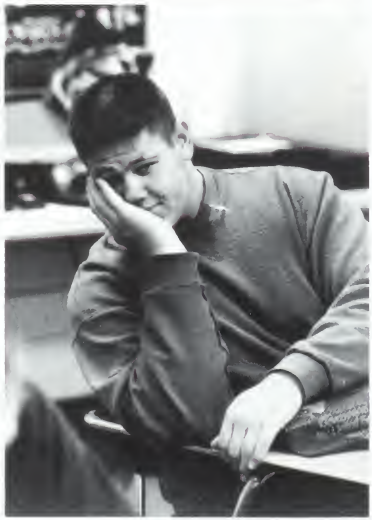
Don t be afraid to be unique- -express yourself

Highland High has a variety of people with different cultures, different experiences, different interests, and different lifestyles. And every one of these students has his or her own set of friends--But not everyone has discovered one of the most important things a teenager can possess--individuality.

High school is a time to make friends, to learn how you are like others and how you are different . It is a time to figure out who you are, what you do well, and what you want to do in the future. It is a time to find yourself. After all, there will be a time when you will be in a new place with completly different people around you and you will have to fend for yourself.

Individuality is one way to honestly express yourself. There is only one you. Displaying your individuality is a valuble and unique thing that a person can contribute to the rest of the world.

• Jenni Schullek



Jeff Smigla, Jason Novak Heather Kaczmarek, Tonya Hasselbring, Brandi Cowgill, Liane Ellis, Denise VanDeel, and Matt Novak show that no matter what they are doing , Highland students always set themselves apart by their expressions. Pictures by Callaway, Chicki, and Prestige.

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PEOPLE

Dr. Philip Cartwright is Highland Superintendent, aided by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Dennis Shawver and Director of Personnel/Labor Relations Mrs. Judy DeMuth. Mrs. DeMuth was once Highland High principal. Mr. Michael Boskovich is Director of Special Services.

Mr. Ken Bye serves as Athletic Director at Highland High School, and is seen often at all games.

Dr. Linda Anast, Secondary Coordinator, oversees education at both the high school and middle school.

Dr. Anast, Mrs. & Mr. Backes and Dr. Ventling enjoy another two points at a home basketball game.

BEHIND THE SCENES – THEY HELP IT HAPPEN

School Town Administrators, Principals Keep Education On The Fast Track

Dr. Renner Ventling served the school again this year as principal, helped by Assistant Principals Mrs. Barbara Merrill and Mr. Michael Backes.

LEADING THE WAY!

Behind the scenes of any school or any school corporation are the people who make decisions that either advance education or keep it in mediocrity.

Highland is blessed with forward-looking leadership both in the Central Office and in the schools. Dr. Philip Cartwright leads the Administrative Team of Assistant Superintendent Dr. Dennis Shawver, Mrs. Judy DeMuth, Director of Personnel/Labor Relations, and Director of Special Services Mr. Michael Boskovich. Both Mrs. DeMuth and Mr. Boskovich worked previously in the high school.

The School Board this year featured Mr. Harry Ranney, Mr. Konnie Kuiper, Mrs. Judi Bell, Mr. Larry Vassar and Mr. Thurman Ferree. Their leadership led to a strong stance against drugs in the dog search and to advances with dual credit with Purdue and Indiana Universities.

Dr. Renner Ventling led the high school, with Mrs. Barbara Merrill and Mr. Michael Backes as part of his administration team. There was a strong emphasis on learning and spirit this year, from the sectional to strong student involvement.

With strong support personnel in the central office and high school, the year saw many positive changes to Highland education.

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Karen Schaefer: Music; **Steve Scherer:** Music; **Herb Schmidt:** Science; **Shawn Shepherd:** Math/Science; **Carolyn Slys:** English

Mike Sunny: Soc.Studies.; **Alan Swenson:** AV; **William Thegze;** Math; **Mike Urban:** PE; **Pam Wilson:** PE

They Make Real Learning Happen

In a year when the national media and other groups continued to question the quality of public education, the Highland High School faculty continued to show the strength of its commitment and skill developed through years of teaching.

With the teaching profession there are always many frustrations and challenges. Some say students today don't want to learn as intently as other generations have. Some say there is no motivation and there is little desire to excel.

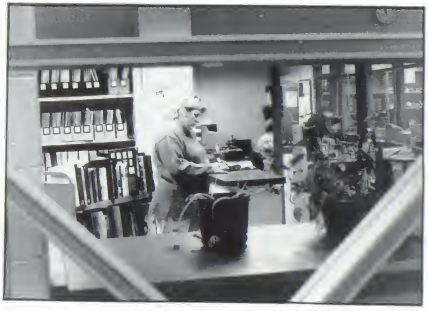
Highland's teachers have learned to tap whatever pools of desire for learning there are, and many have turned their students into productive people with winning attitudes and a strong work ethic.

From the success of Science Olympiad to the large numbers on the *A* honor roll in in Highland honor societies, these students have given their teachers the greatest compliment — they have taken the challenge of a good teacher and made something of themselves.

To those who can and who teach, much credit is given. From the many teachers who have been at Highland a long time, to the new teachers who have recently come into the profession, there remains the desire to share what one knows and to light fires which can burn far into the future of others' lives.

That's a noble profession.

That's what Highland teachers are all about.



Mr. Alan Swenson in one of his media labs, above. In the library Media Center, first year teacher Ms. Shawn Shepherd goes through some assignments.

To Those Who Can — And Choose To Teach Others, too!

Evelyn Adams, Staff; **Curt Augustin**, Aide; **Adam Baez**, Staff; **Jen Binkley**, Staff; **Donna Blair**, Sec. ; **Joan Boskovich**, Staff

Sulema Cabrera, ISS; **Shirley Coldwell**, Staff; **Rose Ceperich**, ,Sec.; **Alan Doonan**, Staff; **Linda Hall**, Aide; **Arlene Howard**, Attendance

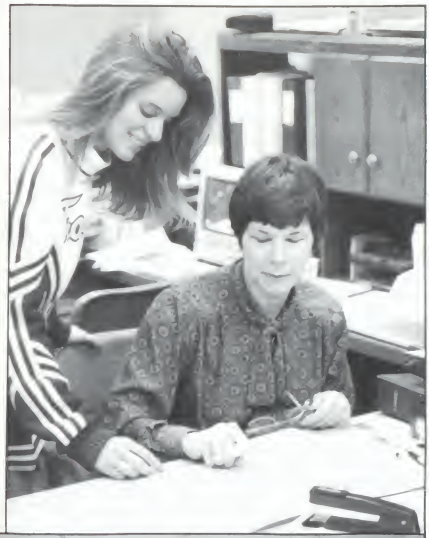
Kevin Krikau, Media; **Marilyn Kuiper**, Sec.; **Rosa Mazzocco**, Nurse; **Jim Nightengale**, Staff; **Amy Ogrentz**, Aide; **Mike Poynter**, Aide

Joan Ray, Mentor; **Elizabeth Reyes**, Sec.; **Karen Reickhoff**, Lib. Aide; **Cheryl Ryan**, Treasurer; **Julie Stamper**, Staff; **Debbie Tica**, Staff

Secretary Donna Blair assists Dr. Linda Anast. Right, Mrs. Liz Reyes is the receptionist in the school office.

They Make Us All Work Better

SUPER STAFF THE TEAM THAT WORKS



As with any well-run organization, it takes many people working behind the scenes to make sure the work gets done, and the many little things which need to happen during the day are taken care of.

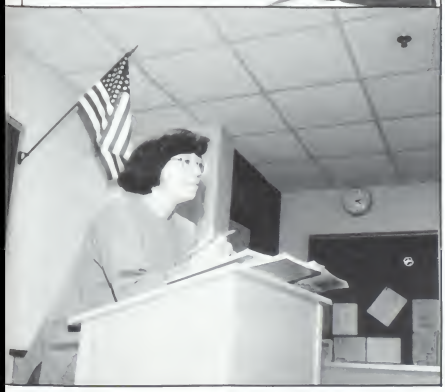
Highland High School boasts a strong secretarial and support staff, as well as members of the Northwest Indiana Special Education Cooperative who assist students attending Highland classes.

From helping those with disabilities to the mentally and emotionally challenged, the total staff of Highland provides a great deal of assistance to each individual student and his or her needs.

Athletic secretary Mrs. Judy Sorota helps the Athletic Department scheduling run smoothly, while Mrs. Marily Kuiper serves as secretary to Principal Dr. Renner Ventling. Mrs. Elizabeth Reyes is the front office receptionist and secretary.

From those who wash towels and keep the building clean and safe, to those who do carpenter, plumbing, painting and electrical work, the Highland team works together.

All members of the staff — administrators, teachers, secretaries and various support personnel are all charged with the same work — to help each student in Highland High school become his or her very best.



Athletic Department secretary Mrs. Judy Sorota checks scheduling with cheerleader Monica Dyson.

Beginning teacher Louann Salinas and veteran teacher Mike Sunny — behind their podiums.

Seniors Class Of 1995

Seniors Casey Sosnowski, Sasha Vukas, Kristian Hanson, Noah Kosteba, and Todd Trivunovic hang out in the new commons area after lunch.

"Senior year was really fun! But it's also kind of sad because you are going off to college and leaving all of your friends behind. "

Sara Harkabus

Graduation

Many seniors are now 18 and are considered legal adults. How will these new adults handle their new freedoms?

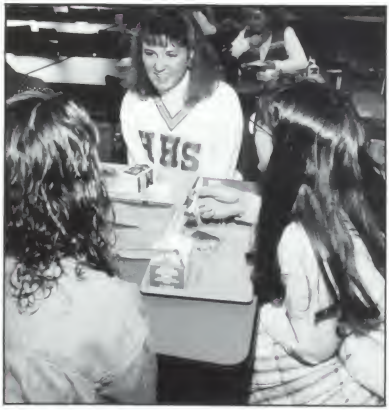
Gradually parents are realizing their child is not a child anymore. Their children are now paying taxes, learning how to handle their own money, and voting. Not to mention out on their own, making their own decisions and leading their own life.

Learning how to handle their own money may be the toughest task of all because it prepares students for when they move out on their own and have to live on their own budget, not provided by mom and dad.

Voting is another big step to growing up. It is a very big decision, and it should not be taken lightly. Much thinking is required that many of us have not had to face before.

There are many tough decisions to be made in every day living. Taking one step at a time to learn and absorb is one of the tricks to survival. Adulthood does come.

◆ Marlo Atchison

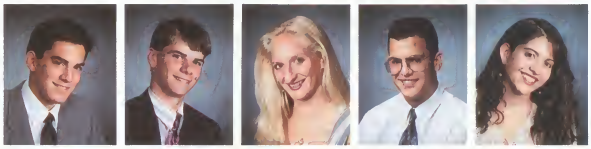


Every day lunch conversations take place between seniors, Wendy Kish, Kim Modjeski, and a group of friends. After students finish their lunch they head over to 'the commons'.

Class of '95 • Class of '95

Kristel Abney
Timothy Adkins
Michael Albrecht
Raul Alfaro
Keith Allen

Angel Alvarez
Aeric Arreguin
Stephanie Atkinson
Jennifer Bajda
Kassie Banister



David Barreiro
James Barrett
Jill Begala
Zachary Berger
Laura Berrones

Debra Bidwell
Kelly Bieson
Dennis Bigda
Melisa Billadeau
Mia Billadeau

Jill Bishop
Kelli Blahnik
David Blair
Jill Bogusz
Meagan Boik

Brian Bonnema
Morgan Borbely
Melissa Bowen
Deana Bradley
Melissa Breger

Thinking About Being At The Top Of The School

Highland High School 1994-1995 Senior Class Officers: Martie O'Toole, Treasurer; Steve Stasny, President; Gina Giovanelli, Secretary; Paul Callaway, Vice-President.

Kristen Brown
Jeffrey Burosh
Amanda Butcher
Brandon Cabrera
Mary Callaway

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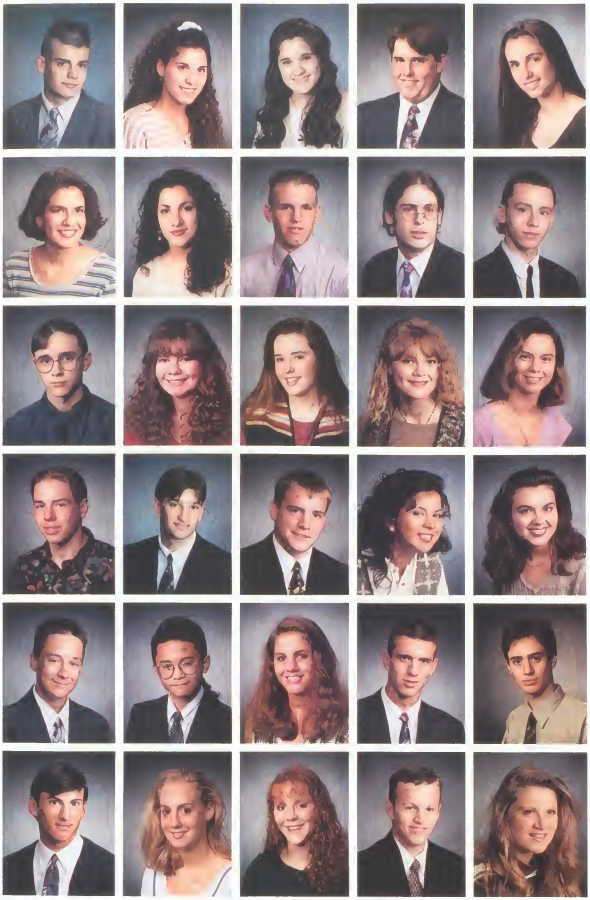

Timothy Chicki
Laura Cichon
Linda Ciganovic
David Coble
Nancy Colias

Karen Colter
Mary Condes
Samuel Condes
Alan Cook
Robert Cook

James Cortright
Sarah Courtright
Brandi Cowgill
Kristin Crawford
Jennifer Cunningham

Paul Czyszczon
David DeSt. Jean
Phillip Dennis
Alyssa Diaz
Suzana Dukich

Anthony Doffin
Anthony Dosado
Stacy Dudash
Joshua Durham
Brian Eaton

Matthew Elder
Liane Ellis
Amy Evilsizor
Todd Fandrei
Becky Foutch

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Sarah Francis
Jacob Frey
Jeanine Friedrich
Neomi Garcia
Philip Gavranic

Jesse Gonzalez
Michelle Goodson
Gina Giovanelli
Anthony Gomez
Melissa Gonzales

Amy Govert
Robert Grau
Bryan Graziani
Jennifer Grelecki
Jeff Grzybowski

Javier Guerrero
Michelle Guiden
John Hamstra
Kristian Hanson
Sara Harkabus

Terah Harris
Jason Hartman
Tonya Hasselbring
Michael Heffernan
Heather Heintzman

Kelly Herald
Allison Hill
Kari Homans
Kelly Hood
Charles Hoover

Class of '95 • Class of '95

• In A Senior's Head . . . •

Thinking About The Final Decisions Before College

Seniors Phil Gavranic, Raul Alfaro, Melissa Mull, Laura Cichon, Tiffany Wojciechowski, Melanie Rosaschi, Gina Giovanelli, Amanda Butcher, Brittany Maurushes, Meagan Boik, Steve Vincent, and Jennifer Grelecki cheer on their classmates at the Homecoming parade.

Senior year — What an experience!

This is the year when most people really begin to grow up! They turn 18, start to apply to colleges, and live in the real world shortly after graduation.

There are many good sides to reaching senior year.

Some seniors will get later curfews, while others may even get their own cars. This is also the time to spread one's wings and enjoy life. It's the last Homecoming, the last Turnabout, the last Prom, and eventually the last report card!

Of course, along with the fun come many new responsibilities. This is the year seniors become young adults in the eyes of many. They no longer have their parents to protect them from the world, and they are expected to be able to hold their own in jobs, clubs, and other parts of the adult community.

A good majority of seniors will be going to college next year, either locally or to campuses. In order to do that, preparations must be made. These might include working to get the best SAT scores, college applications by the score, working to parents to fill out Financial Aid Forms, and working through senior year grading periods to report one's Grade Point Average.

This is the last year of high school, and seniors need to step up to accepting responsibilities, take claim to the results of actions, and also manage to enjoy these good times of life. These are days when one may spend more time with friends and family. We never know what will happen after graduation, with people leaving for school, going to work in other parts of the state and country, and some even getting married.

It's our year and our time!

Randall Horka
Anne Hornyak
Melissa Howell
Daniel Hrasch
David Hugus

Sarah Hull
Nathan Hutchings
Jennifer Inveldt
Stephen Jackson
Charles Janik

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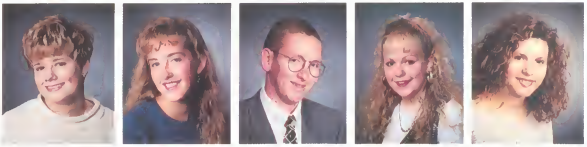

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Jason Klocek
Jennifer Kobeszka
Noah Kosteba
Teresa Kubic
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Frank LaSota
Jeff Latko
Matthew Lenehan

Kristie Lesczynski
Kari Lessner
Trisha Lewis
Michelle Litavecz
Brian Lomax

• *In A Senior's Head . . .* •

Thinking About The Choices To Roads To Success

Varsity cheerleaders, Melissa Zimmerman and Anne Zygmunt were both invited to travel to London during the holidays to cheer.

Senior year has finally come to an end! You receive a diploma that carries the name of Highland High School on it, and then say all those goodbyes to friends.

You find yourself faced with the inevitable situation of life after high school that scores of young people have faced before you. Suddenly you are not in class every day, but neither are you given a set of things which must be done and which keep you in some kind of schedule. You are on your own!

Will you trudge on full speed ahead, or decide to take a long awaited, and much needed vacation?

"College is definitely my next step in life. I play to go to IU and continue my education," says Senior Jill Bogusz. "I hope to have a good career waiting for me."

Most seniors will continue their education to obtain a good paying job in the future. Senior Justin Steiner says, "College will determine if I can afford what I want in life."

However, college isn't the only path available. Some people believe a vacation should follow. Senior Kristie Lescynski states, "After I graduate, I hope to take a break from school and just relax."

Others have decided to join the Armed Forces. Senior Matt Novak says, "Instead of going to college first, I've dediced to go into the Air Force. I think it will give me more opportunities in life, and they will even pay for my education."There are many options for life after high school. It all depends on that person in the mirror, and what he or she wants to do with a piece of paper called a diploma.

• Laura Cichon

Lauren Loscalzo
Deandra Ludwig
Leslie Machuca
Garrett Magerski
Ryan Markley

Romina Martin
Jennifer Mathews
Janelle Mayer
Athena McCarthy
Alexis McFarland

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Thinking About The Past, Present, And Future.

Seniors M. Butcher, A. Castillo-Flores, J. Petska, K, Lane, T. Wojciechowski, M. Kantowski, L. Pruim, A. Castillo-Flores, H. Kaczmarek, H. Skertich, J. Sowinski, A. Wright, T. Hasselbring, andB. Cowgill gather for a group shot during the 1994 Homecoming dance.

The moment we've been waiting for has finally arrived for everyone in our class. Senior Year! We're at the top. It's our turn to rule the school.

Coming closer to the end, we begin to remember the little things that made us who we are as the Class of '95. " We've grown and matured together. We're all so close -- it's like a big family," says senior Mandy Butcher. "Everyone has made so many changes, not only in school, but also in social reforms."

"Interest in school activities changes as you get older. Things aren't as exciting now," says Melissa Mull. Freshman year the games and dances were full of new faces, excitement, and confusion.

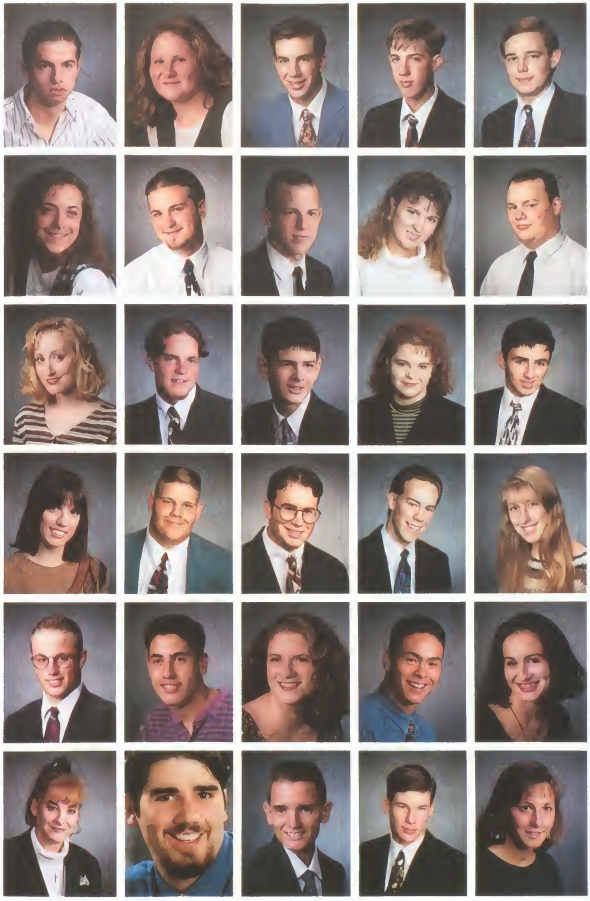
As sophomore year rolled around we all started to fit in, and games and dances became our normal Friday nights. Except this year, our parents were not waiting in the circle drive to pick us up. We had control of the wheels; the jingle of the keys in our pockets meant the freedom to come and go on our own.

"The best memory I have of football games is the Battle of the Bridge," says Jason Novak. "We might have crept up to the bridge during our freshman year, but as seniors we stomped above to conquer."

As long as seniors are concerned, school spirit is high and the effort to show it can definitely be seen.

The Class of '85 proved this by its Homecoming float, crushing all competition in the Superstars events, and giving one of the most memorable proms ever to other classes in the school.

• Tiffany Wojciechowski



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Melissa Mull
Chad Mullins
Ryan Murzyn
Diane Nackman
Ryan Nagdeman

Selene Nagy
Jason Novak
Matthew Novak
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Thomas Ogrentz
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Michelle Panicucci
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Alison Peach

Rebecca Penwell
Randy Pete
Joseph Peters
Kevin Peterson
Jill Petska

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Thinking About All The New Responsibilities Of A Senior

First Row : Freddie Rodriguez, Rebecca Foutch, Dana Strange, and Shaun Dugan. Bottom Row : Tina Smith and Sarah Francis. Seniors pose for a group picture at this year's Homecoming dance. "Under the Sea" was the theme for this year's 1994 Homecoming dance.

Senior year. Responsibilities. The two phrases definitely go together.

There is so much to do in the nine short months until graduation. Applying for colleges and financial aid, looking for scholarships and choosing a school are only two of the tasks. Seniors are trying to keep grades up while most people have a bad case of senioritis setting in. For some seniors, senioritis set in way back in an earlier year of school!

Along with all this, seniors have the task of keeping up with the usual daily routine, including jobs and extracurricular activities like sports and clubs. On top of this, seniors still have to eat, sleep, attend classes, and do homework. There is also the constant thought of what exactly one is planning to do with his or her life.

There are some easy ways to get organized. Make sure to take on only as much as you can handle without letting grades suffer. Get a daily planner to help keep track of all the things you have to do and where you have to be at a certain time. Also, make sure to do things in some kind of order. Apply to choice colleges as soon as possible. This can usually get the housing choice that you want once you make it down to campus.

For those staying at home to attend college or trade schools locally, there are also many arrangements and balancing of class and part time jobs to arrange.

The sooner things get done the better. This way no deadlines are missed. Life is much more fun when deadlines aren't hanging over one's head.

Just do the best you can so when graduation comes, yuou can just relax and enjoy it!

• Sara Harkabus

Amy Pieszchala
Michael Pieters
Anthony Pineiro
Jennifer Poe
Laura Pomplun

Kimberly Porte
Katrina Pratt
Leslie Pruim
Tiffany Quenzler
Robert Radzinski

James Raudonis
Douglas Rhein
Rachelle Rhoades
Freddie Rodriguez
Melanie Rosaschi

James Rossi
Aaron Rutell
Laura Samples
Katherine Schmidt
Jennifer Schullek

Douglas Schwerin
Anne Scofield
Gerald Semko
Jeffrey Serbenta
Sean Severson

Timothy Shortes
Katherine Siebold
Jason Simala
Heather Skertich
Nicole Skuttle

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Rodney Slager
Tina Smith
Andrew Somodi
Casimir Sosnowski

Jacqueline Sowinski
Amanda St. Clair
Stephen Stasny
Brian Steele
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Jason Szo
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Kathy Tanis

Jason Tarka
Jermy Tharp
Brian Tokoly
Jason Tratta
Todor Trivunovic

Jennifer Trubach
Helen Tzanetakos
Denise Van Deel
Anthony Van Prooyen
Vincent Vasile

Kimberly Vasquez
Steven Vincent
Jaime Waldron
Jennifer Walter
Chantelle Warner

Chad Warren
Jeffrey Wegner
Todd Willhoit
Christopher Williams
Kristen Williams

Tatiana Williamson
Melanie Wilson
Kyle Wimmer
Tiffany Wojciechowski
Angela Wright

Kyu Han Yeo
Dahlia Youssef
Tracy Ziemniak
Melissa Zimmerman
Martin Zufall

Ann Zygmunt

Late Pictures

Stuart Barney
Blair Brown
Richard Gallagher
Ezeguiel Hinojosa
Melissa Kantowski

Bradley Klemm
Michael Malone
Joseph Stephen
Holly Trznadel
Steven Weede

Tara Volbrecht

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Thinking About Memories New And Old

As we think back on our high school years, we wonder where the time has gone. Since freshman year we have seen seniors graduate, leaving us one step closer to that glorious day—Graduation!

Freshman year was full of wonder and high expectations. We were trying to find our place among our peers. By sophomore year, we knew more and were more mature, yet we were still unsure of ourselves. Then in junior year, we got drivers licenses and gave a Prom. We knew where we were headed and set bigger and better goals. Still, senior year laid ahead.

We are older and wiser, looking onward toward graduation. Anticipation and sadness come over us, but still we look forward to college. Each year a stepping stone, getting us ready for college, then life full of responsibilities.

For some it is a time of sadness and loss. Others want to get out to see the world. The only thing certain is that we should make our mark. High school may be ending, but our futures are just beginning. Our futures are uncertain, but they are what we make of them.

• Dana Strange

A group of excited seniors stand proudly with their class sponsor, Mr. Darrow, around their Homecoming float, Slime the Monsters.

The Class of '96

JUNIORS!
Third Time Around!

Junior year — the lowest level of the upperclassmen.

Finally we have climbed the top ranks of our school. To most of us it stands for a lot of responsibilities. New things start to come our way that we must overcome.

We are looking to the future as we take many advanced placement classes, PSAT, and prepare for the ever awaited SAT's. Also, junior year is a time when many of us begin to think more seriously about certain things such as school in general, college possibilities, jobs, careers, family, relationships.

Juniors are of in the middle of everything, too old to be bossed around, too young to rule the school, yet they pretty much know how to handle themselves in any sitiuation that comes up.

Another plus of being a junior is now we can look back and reminisce about underclassmen years, remembering all the times we came across a new situation and weren't sure what to do.

Perhaps the best thing of being "just a junior" is that we don't have the hectic life of a senior, we just sit back and anticipate the thrill of graduation!

• **Sherry Verway**

Juniors Danielle Drlich (Dorothy) and Susan Sprainis (lion) are all dressed up for the Homecoming Parade. Photo by Prestige.

Melissa Abeyta
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Mark Alcala
Diane Alicea
Koula Amanatidis
Todd Anderson

Tiffany Asbell
Marlo Atchison
Kevin Babcock
John Baccino
Jason Baker
David Bakker

Jennifer Batka
Tim Beanblossom
Dawn Beilfuss
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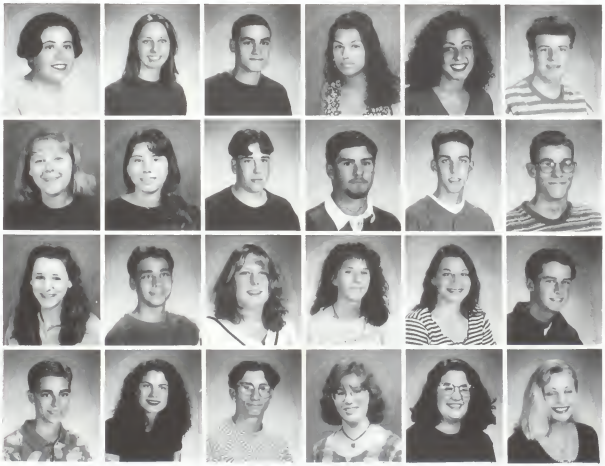

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Julie De La Cruz
Nicole De La Paz
Joseph Delrio
Sarah Demaris
Matthew Denny
Lynette Dobrowski

Jennifer Downs
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Michelle Dyke
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Jennifer Gnerlich

Rusty Gordan
Shannon Gouwens
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David Grove
Jason Gunn

Rachel Guzman
Beth Halcarz
Jason Haluska
Tiffany Ham
Joo Hee Han
Joshua Hanak

April Harris
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Jeffery Hassell
Matthew Havens
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Erik Johnson
Nathan Johnson

Terrence Jones
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Michael Kaniuk
Katherine Kasper
Michelle Kawecki
Kelly Kenders

Becky Kinder
Mark Klapkowski
Jessica Kobeszka
Angela Koleno
George Kollintzas
Chris Kopischke

Amy Kotynski
Ronald Krucina
Jermie Kubon
Linda Kuch
James Kutscher
James Laczkowski

Anna Landsman
Jeff Lane
Angela Latawiec
Letitia Lee
Heather Lind
Michael Lively

Adrianne Lona
Amanda Love
Brian MacDonald
Darcie Madison
Michael Maglish
Kelly Martin

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It's Getting Closer!

The Future Lies Ahead

We're almost there. Our high school career began as freshman who were just taking the big step up to our high school life. Now we're about to take the biggest step of our lives into the real world.

In two short semesters we will officially become young adults, not only in age, but also in the amount of responsibility we will take on.

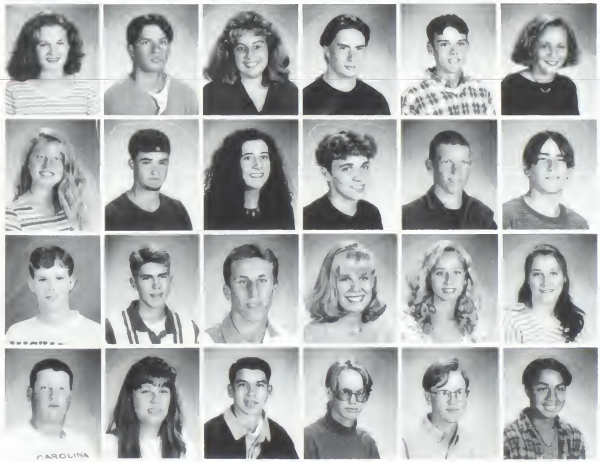
Our senior year will be the cornerstone of years to come. It will be filled with joy for new-found freedom and independence. We will talk of future plans and of the hopes and dreams we have.

Along with the joy there will also be a feeling of fear mixed with nostalgia. There will be thoughts of moments from the past. We will reminisce about elementary school when high school students were our role models, and how we looked to them to set the examples for us. Now we are the role models.

Throughout life the roles will forever be changing. One day we will be in our parents' shoes and then our children will eventually be in our shoes. The best we can do is to play the parts we are given.

• Selena Cox

Juniors Heather Lind, April Harris, and Jamie Tucker fit right in at the 1994-1995 Highland High School Homecoming Parade.



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Heather Pontow
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David Price

Sarah Pry
Jason Rataczak
Joseph Rechlicz
Richard Reese
Joseph Rhoades
Jeffery Rich

Valerie Rieckhoff
Jesse Rippe
Joseph Rivas
Andrea Rivera
Jason Robbins
Elizabeth Rodden

Jacqueline Rohling
Adam Rosenbloom
Lisa Ross
Caroline Ruhs
Melissa Salle
Phrosini Samis

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Balancing Life

The Skill of Juggling

Junior year, probably the most confusing year in high school. Most juniors have to juggle jobs, homework, and their social lives together. It can be difficult but most manage.

We are kept busy making all parts of our lives stay afloat, from jobs to friends to dating, family and school.

The thing that keeps us going is the infamous saying "only ONE more year!"

In this year, juniors start the search for a possibilities for colleges to get ahead when senior year arrives. It seems far away, but most realize it's grueling preparation.

At the time in the student's academic career when grades are important, more stress is added by the notorious SAT's. Hours of studying, computing, deciphering, balancing, and constant worrying, we come out just fine at the end.

• Lynette Dobrowolski

Junior Richard Segally has fun trying out a new dance step at the Highland Homcoming Dance.

Highland High School 1994-1995 Junior Class Officers:

Valerie Rieckhoff, **Secretary**; Phil Wojnicz, **President**; Rachel Guzman, **Vice-President**; Danielle Drlich, **Treasurer**

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Nicole Shiperek
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Jana Solomon
Susan Sons
Lindsey Soto
Anthony Sowinski
Susan Sprainis

Carrie Stephen
Sarah Stinnett
Michael Stout
Amanda Straker
Nancy Swallow
Ryan Sweeny

Is is on striaght? Junior Koula Amanatidis doesn't worry about her apperance during the Homecoming pie-eating contest.

Above left, juniors Kelly Martin and Becki Kinder have fun cooking up a storm in their Foods class. Photo by Prestige.

Left, "Follow the yellow brick road to victory", say the juniors as they pose with thier winning float at the Homecoming parade.

Adam Szubryt
John Tabor
Eric Tanis
Justin Tauber
Christine Thys
Melissa Timmer

Davina Tomczak
Christopher Tucker
Jamie Tucker
Kevin Tuskan
Aaron Underwood
Michael Underwood

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Bryan Wurst
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William Wyrick
Nicole Yadron
Lavan Youngblood
Cathleen Yuraitis
Michael Yurkus
Jamie Zendian

Steven Ziemniak
Ron Zurek

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Qualities Gathered

The Years Add On

What juniors have now is immeasurable compared to any other year before. Respect. Parents finally realize either their little babies are growing up or that the rebel child has matured and can accept responsibilities. Most juniors have a car, a job, friends, the unbearable physics final, families, clubs, or sports to participate in, and loads of homework to prove their trustworthiness. Respect from the young. Juniors are now classified as upperclassmen and maybe they do not rule the young and inexperienced freshmen, but at least have the knowledge to advise them in their troubled times. Juniors now have three years to vouch for. To a freshman, three years may not seem like a lot of time, but we know who our friends are, and we know the style of most teachers and what to expect of them.

Each day as students, friends, sisters, brothers, peers, teamates, girlfriends, boyfriends, we experience. At Highland High School do we only learn that right angles are congruent, or is it something more? Maybe now we only ask the question and senior year the answer will be revealed.

•Anna Landsman

Above, during superstars, juniors Danielle Drlich and Bridgette Norris join in all the festivities to make Homecoming memorable.

Sophomores

Moving On Up

Being a sophmore is a great sigh of relief. Although, after spending a year as a freshman just about anything seems like an improvement. It's comforting to know that there are people more lost, confused, and lower on that high school ladder than we are now, although we are still aware that we are not on the highest rung. As sophmores we become a little bit more confident about where we are and what we're doing. Along with the considerable amount of relief that goes along with being a sophmore there also many new dillemas and other challenges.

The pressure of being in high school becomes more intense knowing that college is nearer and grades are getting more important every year. Most students turn sixteen during sophmore year and though we now have the ability to get around, we are too busy working toward our future to have a good time. The thought that next year we will become upper-classmen helps us to keep on going through the year, that and the fact we will be half-way finished with high school.

•Stephanie Rodriguez

Above right, the sophomore class proudly stands by their float for the 1994-1995 Highland Homecoming Parade.

Friends, right, find comfort and joy in each others company. Here good friends pose for the camera during superstars.

Mike Addington
Jeremy Allton
Shawn Andree
Christopher Andrus
Briana Ardelean
Christopher Arnold

Virgil Arnold
Raymond Asbell
Korin Bahr
Julie Beanblossom
Joseph Berlanga
Samantha Bigott

Sarah Bishop
Adam Blomquist
Gregory Bluethmann
Eric Boesch Jr.
Anthony Bodnar
Robyn Bognar

Dennis Bolda
James Booker
Ray Borowiec
Evie Bouvat
Christine Brackett
Nicole Brown

Shannon Bruce
Roberta Bruner
Marc Buck
Hilary Burd
Robert Buss
Gabriel Cabrera

Steven Caddick
Christopher Calderon
Jose Calderon
Ryan Campbell
Kathryn Challman
Kristin Challman

Kristin Chapman
Joseph Chervenak
Sharon Chiang
Joshua Childs
Kimberly Christenson
Michael Chu

Brian Claesgens
Jason Clark
William Cochran
Zachary Condes
Jason Cooper
Rachel Courtright

Margaret Craig
Karen Crane
William Cribari
Deanna Crum
Dana Culic
Jeff Dancho

Lisa Davies
Michelle Deboer
Joan Desler
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Jennifer Faragoi
Jason Fenolio

Arron Ferry
Emmanuel Figueroa
Michael Filipowicz
Jennifer Flores
Mellissa Fuller
Teresa Furman

Jane Georgopoulos
Brian Gifford
David Goben
Shannon Gogolak
Jennie Govert
Melissa Gray

Janet Grelecki
Ronald Guidotti
Christina Gutierrez
Warren Halls
Jeremy Halton
David Hamstra

Sophomores

Getting the Hang of It

Most people think of sophomore year as being a bore. There's no prom to look forward to, no graduation to plan for, not even any upperclasssmen to pick on you as they once did. You're past the terrible "frosh" stage, but you're not quite as accepted as you would like to be. But the people who believe sophomore year is nothing, are obviously too old to remember or too young to know the truth; tenth grade is a a very special year.

You are finally a step up from the bottom; you feel more accepted by the older kids. You have gotten to know upperclassmen through sports, band, clubs, and other activities and have discovered that there is no need to feel intimidated. In fact, you may have even become good friends with many of those "big" juniors and seniors.

This is also the year most people get their long-awaited driver's license. No more depending on mom and dad to take you and your friends to the mall or you and your date to a dance. All of those boring Saturday nights of sitting home can be resolved by picking up your friends and cruising the town. At last, your free!

•Dana Culic

Melissa Stokes and Rachel Courtright make a mad dash for the finish line in the three-legged race during superstars.

R. Bognar, J. Beanblossom, R. Courtright, K. Weyer, J. Tom, L. Davies,, C. Phebus, and C. Emslander have dinner out.

Kelly Hance
Douglas Hanson
Joshua Hanson
Philip Harreld
Tracey Harris
Adam Hart

Mark Havens
Sarah Hawkins
Adam Hayes
Amber Hernandez
Deanna Herrin
Tracy Higgins

Steven Hood
Edward Hoolehan
Nicole Housley
Adam Hutsler
Kevin Isek
Dale Jarvis

Brandi Johnsen
Mark Jones
Molly Jones
Erin Kahn
Melissa Kaniuk
Jennifer Kapolka

Christopher Karpinec
Eric Kekeis
Shannon Kemp
Bryan Kendzierski
Jeffrey Kerr
Gina Kirinch

Kamille Kish
Jill Kissee
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Greg Kuzmar
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Sophomores

Hard Work Pays Off

Sophomore year is a time when people start to change. Finally they have begun to mature and accept others the way they are. Common things in their everyday life start to be taken more seriously. School, for instance, sophomore year is around the time when most students come to realize that it's time to see school as more than just a place to socialize and make fun of the teachers. That school and their attitudes' towards it has a lot of influence on their futures and how people start to view them.

Sophomores may also start to take school more seriously, not just because they want to, but because they have to. School work becomes a lot harder in the second year of high school, as teachers expect students to handle more responsiblities and work begins to hold more depth.

Friendships grow stronger as people begin to plant roots which will grow in years to come. Sophomore year may also be a time when old friends begin to part ways, seeing different interests. One faces many new dilemmas and experiences as a sophomore. A tenth grader may not yet be an upperclassmen but they certainly not a nobody.

•Melissa Grey

Sharing sophomore friendship : Mai Lei Naglich, Shannon Kemp, Becky Roche, Bobbi Bruner, Kristie Munsie.

Sophomore Class officers: Greg Bluethmann, Nikki Dopka, Shannon Gogalak, and Mai Lei Naglich with Mrs. Ray.

Michael Simala
Jason Sivak
Arica Smith
Mathew Smith
Jessica Stanley
Marc Stephens

Kirk Stickley
Christopher Stok
Melissa Stokes
Frank Sturges
Ericka Swanson
Traci Tanis

Geoffrey Tanses
Kara Taylor
Frank Tokoly
Jennifer Tom
Tara Torringa
Douglas Turich

James Van Prooyen
Betsy Vandernoord
Starr Vazquez
Angela Ventling
Angie Vermejan
Reagen Wallner

Denise Walters
Courtney Warner
Kelly Weyer
Melissa Wilkinson
Clyde Williams
Scott Williams

Jeffery Wilson
Mindy Wilson
Brian Wynn
Carrie Yatsko
Jong Yeo
Noel Zemaitis

Carri Ziemniak

Spirit! Sophomores compete to show their class pride at the Homecoming pep rally to promote enthusiam for HHS.

Just clowning around, sophomre Michelle Mitchell dresses as a clown to march in the Homecoming Parade.

Sophomores Jimmy Booker, Matt Smith, Ed Hoolehan, and Ray Borowiec battle it out in the tug of war.

Sophomore friends dress up to show their school spirit on Homecoming.

Sophomores

A Time For Growth

Sophomore year is a year of growth and enrichment brought about with new experiences and opportunities. New discoveries in our lives also add to the knowledge that we have previously possessed. Sometimes it seems as if the stress of a sophomore is unbearable , but as time progresses most things will fall into place and make life a little easier. By then there will be plenty of other to things to worry about; friends, jobs, and SAT's are just the tip of the iceberg. When life finally comes together and you start to relax new things come afoot. As graduation becomes yet one year closer students begin preparing for college and the future lying ahead. When sophomore year rolls around the second step is reached, but dealing with our advancement has to be taken one step at a time. Of course, sophomore year does have its advantages. We are not the "dreaded freshman". Nor are we the last column in the totem pole. Some respect is also attained. No more hiding in lockers and under tables. The truth of the matter is that sophomores are simply not quite upperclassmen but able to be heard and seen.

•Sarah Harkbus

Above right, sophomores Robyn Bognar, Jen Tom and Juli Beanblossom always enjoy each others company.

Smooch! Sophomores Kevin Kobli and Ray Borowiec share an intimate moment whil Jimmy Booker looks on.

CLASS OF 1998

Freshman Year: A New Beginning

1994-1995 Highland freshmen class officers: Beth Lomax, Gretchen Schu, and Brian Zelenke work toward making freshmen stand out.

Freshman year may be considered the end of your childhood. However, along with the end comes the beginning of a journey down a long hallway, filled with curiosity and wonder, with a door at the end which holds many opportunities on the other side. You have the key, but are your prepared to open it?

High school is here to prepare you for the next step in your life - going out into the "real world" on your own. Making your own decisions and managing your own life. High school will prepare you academically and at the same time will prepare you socially.

In the course of high school there will be many good times. New friends, new relationships, and many new experiences. There will also be plenty of times when nothing seems to go right. A fight with a best friend, a broken-up relationship, and most likely a bad experience here and there. The most important thing to keep in mind is to not let a few bad experiences keep you from enjoying the four short years at HHS. Being a freshmen and all, it's hard to believe that the years will fly by when every day seems to last a decade. But later in the year, looking back you'll think about it and realize how short high school really is.

As far as academics are concerned, high school is probably the most significant time in your life, and freshman year is the time to start striving to be the best.

This is your time. Time to find out what you shine at and to make sure it's used it to the fullest advantages. Everyone shines at something - IT'S INEVITIABLE!

•Selena Cox

Nathan Alicea
Kevin Allen
Jason Allison
David Amrhein
Nicole Anast
Lisa Anderson

Jesse Armenta
Ryan Arnold
Kristin Aros
Angela Artibey
Lisa Augustin
Denise Augustyniak

Heather Austin
Sara Bach
Heather Bahr
Brian Bajda
Marisa Baker
Michael Banas

Emily Barney
Kristen Beard
Pamela Bedka
Anthony Begala
Kelly Berea
David Biernacki

Antyony Bilotto
Derek Bixenman
Kara Blahnik
Kenneth Blair
Sara Bodley
Elizabeth Bohanan

Sara Borowiec
Nicole Bouchee
Stefanie Bradley
Cherly Brouillette
Bryan Brownewell
Timothy Burkman

Amu Callahan
Fred Callaway
Lauren Capretti
Jessica Chapin
Troy Childers
Beverly Church

Richard Ciciora
Robert Cleveringa
Kathleen Coble
Dena Comer
Michael Cook
Steven Cortright

Matthew Courtright
Tinise Cox
Erin Crosby
William Cullens
Thomas Damron
Ryan Dargewich

David Davis
Anthony Delacruz
Jonathan Delrio
Nicole Demarco
Angelique Demuth
Monica Dewane

Caroline Diaz
William Doring
Cynthia Drake
Jacob Drlich
Julaine Dyke
Brett Elliott

Eric Fandrei
Rocky Faragoi
Kimberly Fenolio
Eric Fisher
Audrey Foote
Sarah Fraze

Thea Fritz
Tera Gagne
Amanda Geary
Jonathan Gortat
Matthew Gouwens
Margaret Grantner

Olivia Griner
Cynthia Gutierrez
Dustin Hall
Kristen Hall
Lesley Haluska
Suzanne Hanafi

Amy Hanchar
Richard Harris
Melissa Hart
Patrick Hasselbring
Erin Hawkins
Julie Head

Jim Hedrick
Matthew Heffernan
Kristina Helmer
Andrea Helmick
Jamie Hess
Jessica Higgins

Nathan Hilderbrandt
Jason Hinojosa
Donna Hmielewski
Adam Holguin
John Hollingsworth
April Howard

Carrie Hrasch
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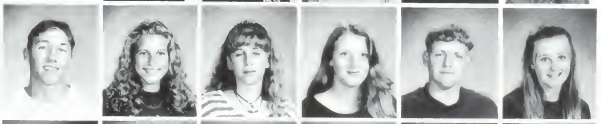


Megan Jones
Jennifer Kaczka
Tasos Katopodis
Laura Kelderman
Sarah Kerr
James Kissee

Elizabeth Klemm
Matthew Klocek
Jerome Kobeszka
Heather Kraly
Kathryn Krooswyk
Erica Kuehl

Freshman Year: Showing Signs of Maturity

Freshmen Nicole Swan, Brianne McClellan, Jacqueline Novak, and Cory Mcafoose take a moment away from celebrating at the Homecoming dance to pose for a quick picture with friends.

Freshmen always get picked on and blamed, but is it really the way freshmen act, or the way everyone else feels? Freshmen often get stuck with a bad reputation even before they come to the high school. Many feel that this year's freshmen are immature and rude while others feel all high school students are simply in the same boat.

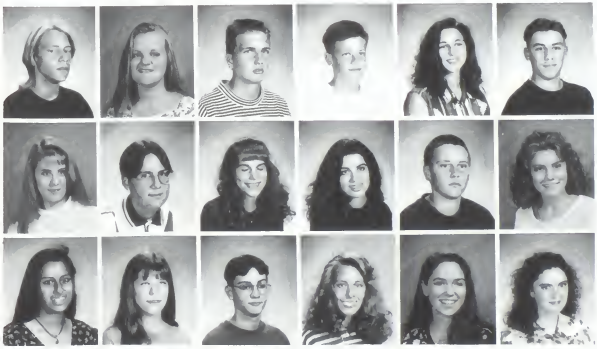
Senior Leslie Machuca feels the feshmen are greedy and just want to become seniors and leave. Of course, when they actually become seniors, they are not going to want to leave everything behind. One sophmore says that freshmen are rude and don't care what anyone thinks about them: "When I was a freshmen, I moved out of the way of a senior. Now freshmen are loud, rude, obnoxious, and just push anyone out of their way.

Some freshmen feel it is the sophomores and sometimes others, that are immature. Freshman Josh Wagman feels that most sophomores are cruel to everyone, even each other. Jim Kissee says there is a big difference between the freshmen and sophomores. He feels the sophomores try to rule the freshmen.

Sophomores sometimes feel that this year's freshmen are accepted and get better treatment than they did as freshmen. This may be because of older brothers and sisters in the high school or because the freshmen are so different than the sophomores. Jen Tom says, "This year's freshmen are more social and outgoing. They make their own place to fit in and be accepted."

Most students feel that the freshmen should have to go through everything the sophomores had to go through as freshmen, but maturity has nothing to do with it, except that freshmen are younger.

•Shannon Gogolak



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Coral Lamantia
Aaron Lasota
Joseph Lenehan
Suzanne Lewis
Mark Leyva

Dollie Lipa
Nick Locke
Beth Lomax
Kristy Lopez
Benjamin Lyon
Lauryn Macek

Yolanda Maggi
Amanda Maglish
Eric Mann
Annemarie Martin
Megan Marx
Amanda Mathews

Tommy Mayer
David Mazur
Corrine Mcafoose
Douglas Mcardle
Brianne McClellan
Matthew McGrath

Adam McLain
Melissa Medrano
Richard Mendoza
Molly Menke
Andrew Messmann
Sarah Metzger

Jessica Meyer
Craig Mihalich
Christine Miller
Matthew Miller
Jamie Millsap
Mike Mis

Freshman Year: Not the End of the World

Jill Saczawa, Angela Artibey, Amanda Geary, Heather Austin, Kelly Thompson, Olivia Griner, Sarah Van Bodegraven, Yolanda Maggi, and Sarah Reynolds enjoy their first Homecoming.

Walking through those doors into Highland High School for the first time, well, for the first semester is one of the most horrifying ordeals a teenager ever has to face. Everywhere around, hunters. Hunting me, the prey, the freshmen. A goldfish in an ocean of sharks, that's what I was. However, their was no way around it, my entire future relied on these hallways. As time went by, things began to change. Within a few days I started to find my way around, and I realized that not everyone was out to get me. The only thought that stayed with me was the fact that I was shaping my future. I even began to appreciate the high school atmosphere. There were actually advantages to being a freshman, we were treated as more responsible individuals, we were trusted to make wise decisions and take care of our duties. At the same we were still given a little bit of slack because were new comers.

Besides the required gym class, freshman year turned out fairly well. It was a fresh start, where only about a fourth of the people around could have any real preconceptions. High school is the last stop before you are on your own, and it determines what you will be doing when you are out there. Freshman year is the beginning, but there is no time for mistakes. We must realize that although, as freshmen, it seems as if we are starting down a long winding road, the path is not as long as it seems. Every assignment and every test from the first day forward matters, and there is no time to waste. When the journey seems long and dark we have to remember that our high school career only accounts for only a little more than five percent of our estimated life span, but it determines the everything after.

• Stephanie Rodriguez

Eric Mitcheltree
Monica Morales
Jacob Murphy
Erinn Musielak
Melissa Myers
Brett Nagdeman

Lori Natelborg
Bradley Neal
Tonya Neeley
Erik Nelson
Michelle Nieckula
Melissa Nolen

Jaclyn Novak
Kathleen O'Leary
Brianne Oliver
Amanda Ooms
Keith Orban
Katherine Ortiz

Jennifer Palonis
Nikki Papalamerou
Joellen Pavnica
Christine Penwell
Renee Petersen
Erin Peterson

Brennan Pierce
Jennifer Pierce
Lawrence Plawecki
Kendra Potts
Trisha Powell
Sabrina Pratt

Joyana Progar
Sean Rankin
Katherine Reese
Alejandro Reyes
Katherine Reyna
Sarah Reynolds

Diane Rhein
Hannah Rhoades
Erica Ribicki
Jennifer Rich
Brian Robbins
Bryan Robinson

Robert Roe
Jennifer Rolland
Michelle Romano
Jeffrey Rose
Kristen Rowinski
Joanna Ruble

Christopher Runyan
David Rutell
Edward Ryan
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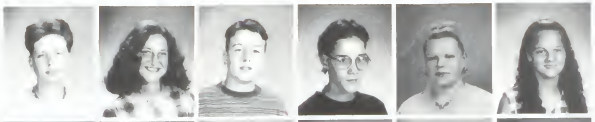

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Rachel Slager

Molly Sleeman
Amanda Smith
Dana Smith
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Sarah Soto
Jill Sprainis

Brandon St Clair
Timothy Stacy
Stephan Stanfel
Joseph Stanisz
Christina Steintinger
Joshua Stephen

Michael Stinnett
April Stirling
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Angela Suto
Nicole Swan

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Kimberly Thompson

Keith Tokoly
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Katherine Underwood
Sarah Van Bodegraven

Timothy Vanderbilt
Jamie Varner
Amber Vercel
Joshua Waldron
Amy Warren
Ami White

Ryan Wilson
Jeffrey Winston
Matthew Wojnicz
Tiffany Wojno
Amanda Wood
Luke Woodke

Andrea Wories
Patty Xidias
Jeremy York
Brian Zaborowski
Cheryl Zalewski
Natalie Zdonek

Brian Zelenke
Tommy Zsidai

In Loving Memory
Michael Labus
Sophomore, Classmate, Friend
1979-1995

Freshman Year: Little Fish in a Big Pond

Many people think that freshmen have it made-no semester term papers, project deadlines, or homework till the early hours of the morning. One might wonder if these people ever considered the tremendous social and academic pressures that freshmen face daily.

Remember the first day of high school as a ninth grader? Pondering such dilemmas such as, "Will I get to my classes on time?" "What if I forget my locker combination?" "Did I remember to bring my gymsuit?" With all of these things to worry about, it's a wonder how freshmen have time to worry about treatment from upperclassmen. But do they ever! As if being the little guy in a new, huge school isn't bad enough, the entire varsity football team won't let you forget it for one minute.

Freshmen year is a challenge in itself. It's very important to choose the right classes, join the clubs of your interests, and get the feel for high school early on. Freshmen year is the year that guides through the rest of the high school years. It can either turn out to be a year to remember, or a year to forget. Every anticipating eighth grader has their own vision of what they expect high school to be like. The good visions may be filled with parties, dances, games, and dates. The bad ones can be failing classes, getting lost, or getting picked on. One important thing to keep in mind is that if something embarrssing does happen, that it is not the end of the world. One mistake freshmen year will not stay with a person throughout high school; eventually people will forget it ever happened.

Another thing to remember about being a freshmen is that your not going through it alone, there is about two hundred-some people with you in the same boat.

• Tiffany Asbell

Freshmen football players Keith Orban, Mark Leyva, Ryan Arnold and Jonathan Delrio battle it out in the tug of war at Superstars.

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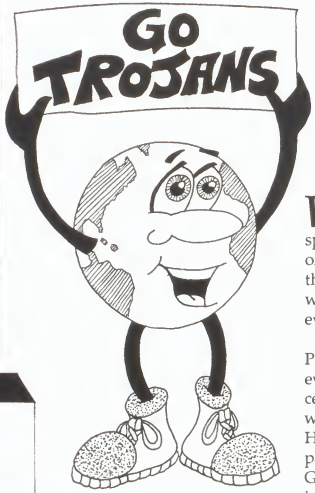
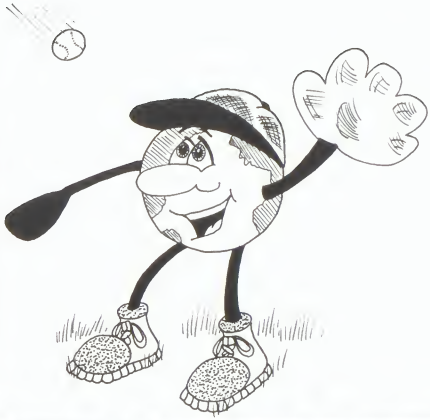


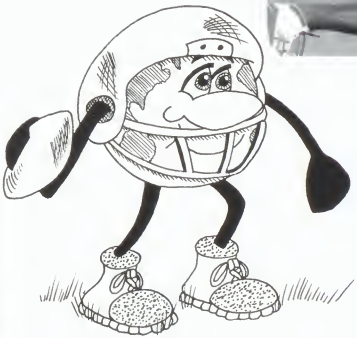
STRENGTH & AGILITY, GIVE BOOST TO HHS

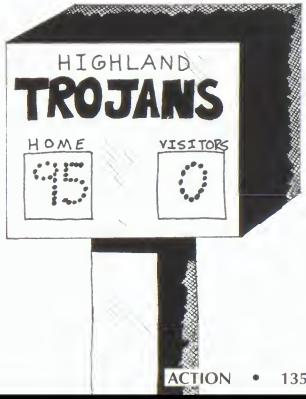
When you look at high school what do you remember? Was it the sports? It was every teenager's past time on a Friday night. Whether you were on the team, cheered, played in the band, or was just there to watch, it was a social event.

This year we showed our Trojan Pride in all our sports. We improved everywhere. We even gained a girls soccer team.The coaches and the athletes worked together as a team to show their Highland spirit. Their supporters participated in parades, Superstars, Blue and Gold day all in honor of our sports. Sports is a big part of the HHS and we want to thank the coaches, the athletes, and most of all the fans for making this all fun and posibble.

• Kelly Herald



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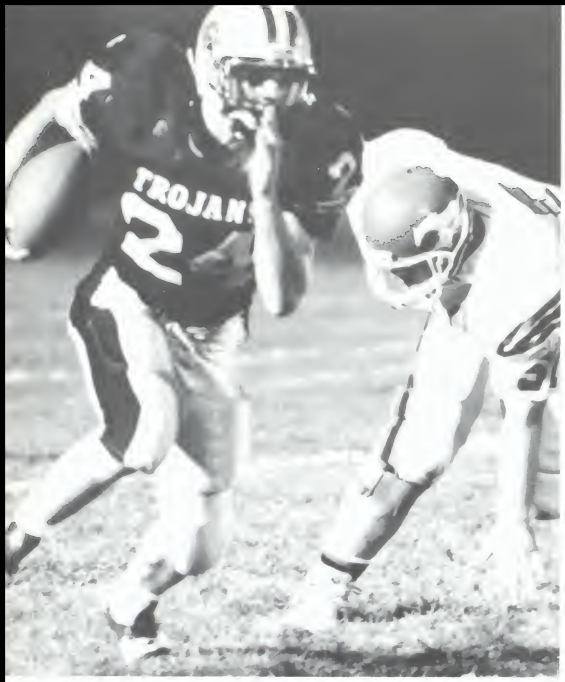


The Highland offense lines up for a key play in the game against Munster, while #79 senior Jay Novak rests on the sideline.

Football

To intercept a ball for a touchdown is worth a replay moment!

Slowly but surely, the Highland Trojans football team made strides towards success in the future. After finishing the '93 season with a record of 0-9, the Trojans came back this year with an improvement of 2-7. That may not sound like an outrageous distinction, but you can't judge a team by its record. A majority of the games this season were too close to call.

Battles with Hammond Gavit, Hammond Morton, Munster, and an undefeated Hammond High made this season one to remember. Senior Matt Novak says, "Everyone did the best they could in every game."

Senior Paul Callaway and Junior Dru Grigson served as captains for the team. The Gridmen went on to finish 1-3 in the Lake 10 Conference. Receiving 1st Team All-Conference awards were Senior running-back Blair Brown on offense, while Yasir Isa, Brian MacDonald,and Ben Houchin qualified for the defensive squad.

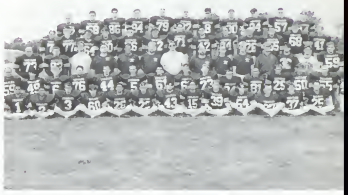
Jason Klocek won the honor of acheiving Academic All-Conference. Honorable Mentions went to Rasem Isa, Steve Ziemniak, Jeff Lane, Josh Mathews, and Matt Havens.

The awards banquet this fall hailed: Blair Brown, MVP; Brian MacDonald, Most Improved; and Paul Callaway, Best Mental Attitude.

The football team is making small, yet strong steps to the top of the victory latter. Junior Nate Damasius states,"With a majority of the starting offensive and defensive teams returning, we will definitely be a team to watch out for next year!"

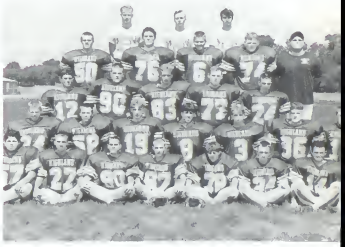
• Paul Callaway

Junior Josh Mathews tries to gain a few yards as he runs with the ball. This year's team record ended up as 2-7.



V & J.V.: R1: Smith, Rivera, Damasius, Smigla, DelRio, Klocek, Cabrera, Vasile, Lomax,.Mordus, Hutsier, Bishop, Mathews. R2: Berianga, Elder, Wiles, Novak, Havens, Lane, Calderon, Turich, Horka, Frey, Isa, Sturges, Borwick. R3: Isa, Ziemniak, Piesek, Nelson, Fantin, Hanson, Agustin, Pointer, Emig, May, Dopka, Cambell, Czaja. R4: Caddick, Grigson, Tampouskas, Callaway, Carponek, Raudonis, Cobie, Booker, Brown, Colbi, Wilson, Houchin, Johnson. 5Egan, Duke, Simala, Nicsic, Novak, Miller, Sleeman, MacDonald, Johnson, Williams, Houlahan.

Senior Blair Brown sprints with the ball towards the goal. Coach Rob Hansen looks on from the sideline at his team's performance.



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" Trojan Pride "

Seniors James Barrett, Steve Yeo, and Anthony Van Prooyen swing away at the ball, concentrating on the success of the game.

Tennis

Hitting the ball for an ace eliminates the deuce for a win.

The boys tennis team started out with an average year and ended with a spark. Four of the seven starting varsity players were named to either first or second All Team Conference. James Barrett, Anthony Van Prooyen, and Steve Yeo were the few among the group to be named First Team All Conference. Tony Doffin was named to Second Team All Conference. That was just a start of the good talent Coach Mazur had to work with this tennis season.

The talent ranged from freshman to seniors. The number one doubles team James Barrett and Steve Yeo won sectionals and advanced to regional play. The number two doubles Paul Whitener and Martin Plawecki made it to the finals of the Highland Doubles Invitational. The tennis team ended up second in the Lake 10 Conference. They only lost to Munster. They ended up their season with a 4-1 loss to Lowell in the first round of sectional play.

This year's awards went to all the seniors. Most Valuable: Anthony Van Prooyen, Most Improved: James Barrett, and Best Mental Attitude: Tony Doffin. Other seniors graduating this year are Jeff Burosh, Dave De St. Jean, and Matt Elder. Coach Mazur says, "This year's freshman class of tennis players has lots of potential, and they will help carry the loss of the seniors next year."

The fans are looking forward to another good season next year, sending even more to an all conference win. The future will hold if the young talent can yet bring another victory.

• Kelly Herald & John Tabor

Tennis: Row 1: Mazur, Kuzmar, Yeo, Yurkus, Tabor, Ahmrein, Ispas. Row 2: Berkman, Courtright, Gifford, McMahon, Doffin, Yeo, De. St. Jean, Weiss, Daragewich. Row 3: Mazur, Elder, Van Prooyen, Barrett, Plawecki, Whitener, Burosh, Kuchenburg.

"I have high hopes for our team in the future ," says Coach Mazur.

Junior Paul Whitener is in total ready postion to receive the ball, and return it back to his opponent for points.

Award winning seniors Tony Doffin, James Barrett and Antony Van Prooyen show their awards off at the fall sports banquet.

" Swinging With Trojan Pride "

LOWELL

X-Country

Running for the finish line with all intention to win.

Girls cross country team this year chalked up a second Lake 10 Conference Championship.

The Lady Trojan's team was led by All-State senior Jill Begala. Captains Jill Petska, Kassie Bannister, and Jill Begala provided the senior leadership and experience that was a key ingredient of their winning ways througout the season.

Jill Petska and Lisa Lane both turned in their finest performances this year. Junior Susan Sprainis and sophomore Jen Tom made strong contributions with supreme efforts throughout the season.

The girls cross country team has left a mark as the only conference champions in the Lake 10s young history.

Boys cross country team this year had a strong season, repeatedly competing amongst the area's top teams.

The boy's team was led by junior Jason Gunn. Jason followed a fine sophomore season with an even better junior year. He earned Lake 10 All-Conference status, the team MVP award, and qualified for the state meet.

Joey Peters, Josh Durham, and Doug Schwerin placed on the Lake 10 All-Conference teams. These fine performances led to a third place finish at the conference meet. Aeric Areguin and David Bakker also did outstanding jobs.

Coach Summers and his troops made the 1994 season a successful and memorable one.

• Dave Johnston

Boys Row 1: A. Reyes, J. Gunn, M. Havens, J. Peters. Row 2: T. Summers, E. Areguin, D. Schwerin, M. Snowdon. Row 3: D. Baker, J. Durham, D. Johnston, Coach Tom Summers.

Seniors Jill Petska and Doug Schwerin run for the finish, while top runner Jill Begala concentrates on her pace.

Senior Aeric Arreguin stretches and relaxes before his race. The boy's team stands ready for the race to begin.

" All the guys did an outstanding job this year," says Coach Summers.

Girls Row 1: M. Nickula, N. Sandavol. Row 2: T. Lee, K. Bannister, J. Petska, T. Gagne. Row 3: L. Lane, S. Sprainis, Coach Rick Espitia, J. Begala, B. VanDerNord.

" Run as a team. Win as a team. "

Donna Kulic fights her opponent for the ball while senior Tod Trivunovic takes a picture before a game.

The boys soccer team holds the trophy the team won at a tournament this fall season .

Soccer

All hands off ball and feet in motion; Full speed ahead!

Boys soccer was switched this year, moving their Spring season to the Fall season.

The varsity team had eleven starting players who were great. The captians this year were seniors Joe Mitcheltree, James Palor and Sam Condes. They helped along with others to lead the team to a great season this year making a record of 11-3. They made it all the way to Regionals, losing only to Portage. " We tried to do the best we could and help encourage others to do the same," says senior Tod Trovunivic.

The hard practices , fun games and the notorious desert Friday made the season a sucess. With the talent and the leadership from this year the season should be a sucess next fall.

Girls soccer was an addition to the sports complex this year. The team started out with a stong kick. The varsity team and the junior varsity consisted of eighteen members.

The varsity had a record of 1-2-9. Their biggest game of the season was against Munster. They tied with the Mustangs 2-2 in overtime. The tie prevented Munster from capturing the Conference championship title.

The captions were Jill Bogusz, Stacy Dudash and Phrosini Samis. Other key players were Kelly Dudash, Kristen Chapman, and Maloan Skog. The first girls soccer team has definitely made themselves known in their first season in league.

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Boys Varsity: R 1: Wojnicz, Rechlic, .Kanuik, Kickers,.Cliver, Ratazack R2Peters, Hugus, Heffernan, Benware, Tauber R3: Palor, Crawford, Condes, Micheltree,Trivunivic,White R 4: Kime, Wojnicz, Babcock, Sellis, Tauber, Hankins

"This year enthusiasm was vibrant ; determination was strong," says Coach Ceperich.

Sophmore Missy Kaniuk keeps the ball in front of her as she heads toward the goal for the winning point.

Teamates Jenifer Kabesca and Phosenie Samis work together to get the ball past the opponents toward their goal.

Girls Soccer R1Romano, Colias,Govert,Katenski, Bishop,Jone.Lona, .Kabesca R 2:Kush,Wajino, Vazcuez, HerinSotoChane.Johnsen,Howard,Anderson.R3:Han,Martin,Finke, Kulic,BogusHulihanBach, KanuiR.4Hupenthal,Skog,Samis, Dudas,Champman,Helmer,Amanditítous,Baker,Dudash, Ceperich.

" Trap! Pass! Kick! Score! "

Swimming

Extend your stroke to eliminate the unnecessary seconds!

Girls Swimming Row 1: K.Blahnik, C.Bahr, R.Wallner, G.Fandrei, W.Kish, N. Zdonek, Row 2 : Coach Toweson, S.Gouwens,D.Drlich, E.Bouvat, K.Furman, K.Johnson, C.Ziemniak Row 3: M.Litavecz, G.Giovanelli,M.Bowen, A.DeMuth, J.Rohling.

"This season was a great one with our new team," says captain Kelli Blahnik.

At six o'clock in the morning while most of Highland is still asleep, the varsity girls swim team is already practicing.

This was a season of new beginnings. It was the first season in the new pool for a team composed nearly half of new swimmers and freshmen. New team captains were Kelli Blahnik and Gina Giovanelli. One outstanding freshman, Natalie Zdonek, scored the most varsity points for the team throughout the fall.

The beginning of the season was tough for the team, but by the time the important meets rooled around the girls were ready.

At the Conference the team placed second overall. The relay team of Gina Giovanelli, Melissa Bowen, Michelle Litavecz and Natalie Zdonek won 1st team all-conference honors. Individuals placing in the top three were Jackie Rohling, Kelli Blahnik, and Natalie Zdonek. At sectionals the Lady Trojans took a strong third place. Individual Championship Finalists were Rohling with a 2nd in the 50 free, Blahnik with a 5th place in the 100 back and Zdonek with a 3rd place in the 100 breastroke.

Melissa Bowen sums it up, "This season was the best yet. The new pool created many memories. Being a senior made it hard to leave the team. . .but I'll always remember the wacky times we've had together."

• Kelli Blahnik

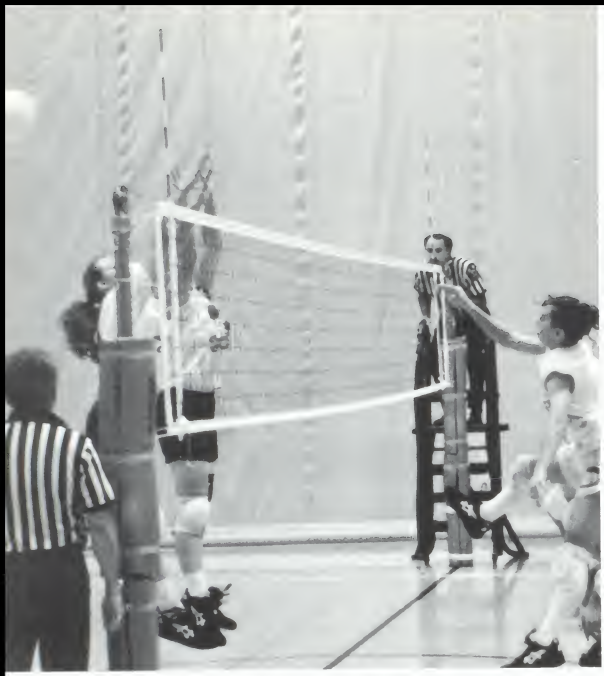
Kelli Blahnik, Melissa Bowen and Gina Giovanelli show off their awards that were won at this year's sports banquet.

The Lady Trojans line upon their marks to begin the start of the race that could win it all for this swim meet.

Michell Litavecz is on her mark while Kim Furman is in the air of her forward Dive Pyke to pick up some team points.

Natalie Zdonek makes waves in the new pool while the Ladie Trojans get excited for the races coming up.

" Limits are Meant to be Broken!"



Award winners Jamie Waldron: Best Mental Attitude, Rachel Guzman: Most Improved, and Amy Govert: Most Valuable.

The varsity team meets on the floor for a pep talk about the game where friendly encouragement is given to the teammates.

Volleyball

To dig a spike is the roughness that is all a part of the game.

This year was a great success for the volleyball team, having a record of 19- 10 making it all the way to sectionals. The team has improved so much over the years, causing them to be put in a tougher bracket this year.

The team opened up with the Whiting Tournament for their first win. Their toughest tournament this year was the Michigan City Tournament and they made it to the finals having to beat Chesterton among other tough teams. All and all it was a very good season with a little bit of excitement with Mr. Elston's new baby .

The team this year consists of six seniors, which was one of their strong points. "As a senior I'm really going to miss playing with my teammates and joking around with Coach E.," says senior Kristy Lane. Even though losing many seniors will hurt next season, chances for new '95 team still look promising.

The captains were Sara Menke and Amy Govert. The award winners were Jamie Waldron: Best Mental Attitude; Amy Govert: Most Valuable; and Rachel Guzman: Most Improved.

With a lot of hard work and effort the team was better than ever. The girls accomplished all they wanted to. "Our hard work and practices were worth it," says Bridgette Norris.

"Thanks for the great season, and all the fun." says senior Kristen Williams. Her words echo a new Lake 10 Conference championship for the varsity team that put them in the sectionals.

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Varsity Row 1: C. Elstin, K.Williams, E.Scidel, B. Norris, C. Dybel, C. Fletcher. Row 2: K.Lane, S.Menke, M.Lociak, N.Shiperek Row 3: J.Waldron, A.Govert, M.Miller, R.Guzman.

Senior Kristen Williams concentrates as she sets the ball up for a serve. She was one of this years top servers with her quick hands.

Senior Amy Govert spikes the ball, while Rachel Guzman waits for the return of her opponents during a game.

"The hard work the girls put in this season really paid off," says Coach Elston.

J.V. Row 1: N. Brown, J. Kissee, Coach Dybel, R. Bognar, M. Marks. Row 2: A. Sterling, D. Crumb, J. Grelecki, M. Kawecki. Row 3: E. Swanson, K. Kish, L Cappretti.

Frosh R.1: J.Spranis,T.Sietzma, K.Thompson, C. Miller,H.Barr,A.Artiby,C.Fletcher.R.2:N. Papalambras,M.Menke,M.Sleeman,J.Saczawa. R3: C. Beard,T. Penwell, S. Shaginaw, V.Padilla.

" Size Means Nothing In This Game "

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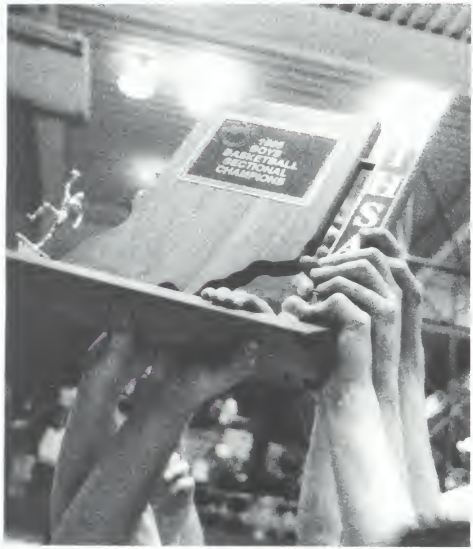
SECTIONAL CHAMPS!
Trojans take Calumet Crown



Taking a look around the High land High School gym, we see many new changes. A new paint job — a new scoreboard and a great new sound system.

What better to add than a 1995 Sectional Champs banner!

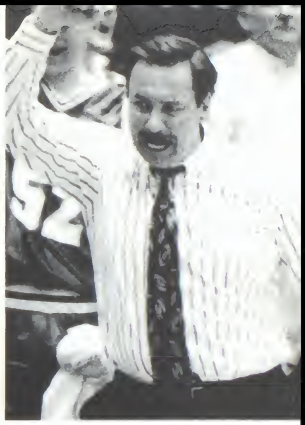
In the beginning, the Trojan basketball team did not look promising. The first two games were losing efforts. This lowered fan support and lessened the team's spirit.

But the tables began to turn when the Trojans dribbled themselves into an eight game winning streak, including winning the Highland Holiday Tourney.

Calumet Sectional action first saw a come-from- behind squeaker against Lake Central. Friday's victory set up the title match against host Calumet Fan support was excellent; the team was aggressive and accurate, and soon the trophy and the banner were home in Highland hands.

•Monica Dyson

The trophy raised high, the reason for the trophy — the victorious Highland Trojans after the game, and Jackie Sowinski's face say it all.



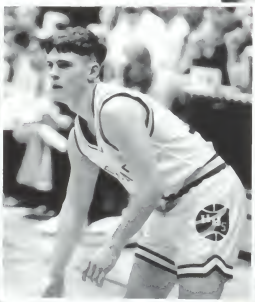
Coach Mike Urban's hand raised in victory after "Vuk" scores another two, while Michael Mazur and Josh Durham cut the nets.

The hands of a united team helped point the way to victory. Left, Josh "Air" Durham grabs a rebound against Andrean in Regional action.

Vukas, Durham, Tauber Lead Victory March

YESSS!

Junior star Justin Tauber gets ready to make his move, while Bryan Skaggs gets his piece of the action. The team cheers him on, while Phil Wojnicz scopes the scene. Josh Durham tips off the game.



A Night To Remember

Football Spirit Dinner Features Zorich, Homco, McNeil

It featured a Chicago Bears star, an HHS alum now playing in the NFL, and another alum at the microphone and setting the tone for the evening. What happened from this mix of talent and heart turned out to be something very special, indeed.

In Highland's Second Annual Football Alumni/Spirit Dinner, Chris Zorich of the Chicago Bears inspired and touched the 400 people in attendance. Retiring L.A. Ram Tom Homco's Highland football jersey brought pride and heartfelt remarks. HHS Class of '79 football player and journalist Dan McNeil, now of The Score, SportsRadio 820, emceed the evening and led activities, including the introduction of HHS head football coach Rob Hanson, who detailed the progress and scope of his program.

All who were there felt a special magic had happened, and they were right.

HHS alum and The Score SportsRadio celeb Dan McNeil greets HHS football fans. HHS coach Rob Hanson explains the progress of his new program.

HHS star and L.A. Tom Homco responds to Highland approval.His number was retired. Chicago Bear star Chris Zorich galvanized the crowd with a heartfelt, inspiring speech.

Basketball

Keep the ball moving and shoot for the two!

Varsity R. 1: T. McDonald, D. Schwerin, T. Adkins, J. Tauber, P. Wojnicz. R. 2: M. Pieters, J. Hamstra, C. Janik, F. LaSota. R. 3: C. Urban, S. Vukas, J. Mulligan, J. Durham, B. Skaggs, C. McCallister, C. Elston.

This year's boys' basketball team started out slowly, but ended with a bang. Losing their first three games only gave them the incentive to work harder. At the end of the season, their accomplishments totaled a record of eighteen wins and six losses. To top off the season they were the Calumet Sectional Champions.

The team not only crowned themselves Calumet Sectional Champs, but they won the Holiday Tournament. They also placed second at Conference. Coach Mike Urban says, "This was an outstanding season with great fan support that helped us all the way."

The captains of the team were seniors Sasha Vukas and Josh Durham. The Most Valuable Player was Sasha Vukas with an average of eighteen points per a game. The Most Improved player was Justin Tauber. The player with the Best Mental Attitude was Mike Pieters.

The players that made First Team All-Conference were Sasha Vukas and Justin Tauber. Those players that were awarded Honorable Mentions were Josh Durham and Phil Wojnicz.

This year's boys' basketball team made their place in history. They became the third Highland team to win the Calumet Sectional game. This has only been accomplished by two other teams in Highland's history.

This year has definitely been an exciting one for the Highland Trojans. The players hope that they can make as good a showing as thay did this past year. Maybe they can even repeat as Sectional Champs.

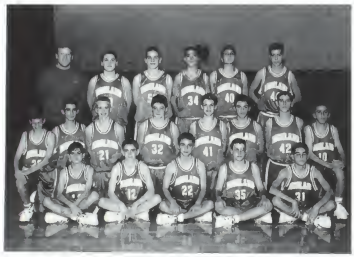
• **Laura Cichon**

" This was an outstanding season with great fan support," says Coach Urban.

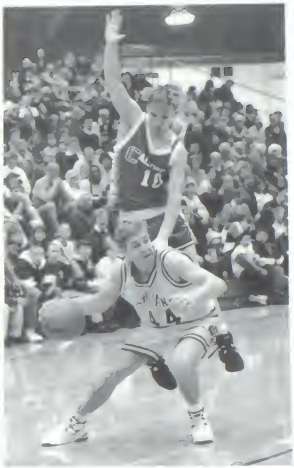
Senior Josh Durham jumps for a rebound during a game against Calumet. Josh was a major player for the team this year.

Senior Sasha Vukas dribbles the ball in for a shot, while senior Josh Durham plays defense during a game.

J. V. Row 1: D. Hamstra, J. Alicea, S. Asbell. Row 2: B. Tauber, R. Gordon, N. Czapla, J. Cash, V. Pistilli, F. Tokoly. Row 3: C. Elstin, D. Nicsic, J.Moss, C. McCallister.



Frosh R1: D. Amrhein, A. Mihalic, M. Miller, J. Stanicz, J. DelRio. R 2: T. Summers, R. Arnold, J. Waldron, K. Blair, T. Swiss, M. Leyva, P. Hasselbring, M. Woijncz. R3: C. Liddle, L. Plawecki, J. Kissee, R. Mendoza, A. LaSota, T. Burkman.



Junior Bryan Skaggs tries to make a play, while senior Mike Pieters cheers his team from the sidelines.

" Put yourself second, team mates first. "

Basketball

Put the ball on the floor and dribble!

Girls' Basketball Varsity Row 1: L. Hoolehan, A. Govert, J. Waldron, N. Shipereck. Row 2: E. Seidl, C. Ruhs, M. Laciak, C. Mikuly, B. Norris, J. Kaczka, Coach Equihua.

This year's girls' basketball team had a great season. It started out with a lot of hard work and effort.

Hard practices lasting to late hours long Saturdays, and firm conditioning was what helped the team improve their game for a great season.

The girls had a record of 7-12 making their season last all the way to the Sectionals. They lost to Calumet in the first game, but put up a good fight. "The first time the team played Calumet is when the team showed a total team effort and began to work together as a team effort," said Coach Equihua.

The team consisted of a lot of young players which makes them look more competitive for next year. There was great improvement from last year which also makes it look promising. The team was led by only two seniors who made great captians this year — Amy Govert and Jamie Waldron .

The teams leading scorer was Amy Govert with an average of 16.2 per game. She received 1st team All Conference. Junior Bridgette Norris was also a top scorer who received Honorable Mention All Conference.

Awards for this season went to Jenifer Kazcka for Most Improved, Amy Govert recieved Most Valuable Player and Erin Siedl got Best Mental Attitude.

The Lady Trojans finished the season well and made an impact in the stands. The young returning players are waiting to return for another prosperous year in the courts.

• Kelly Herald

" It was a fun season, and we had a blast," says captain Amy Govert.

Junior Bridgette Norris jumps up for a basket, while Junior Phrosini Samis hustles for the ball during a game.

Senior Amy Govert reaches new heights on a rebound, while Coach Chris Huppenthal instructs the team during a time out.

J.V. Row 1: A. Sterling, K. Berea, M. Gray. Row 2: M. Miller, A. DeMuth. Row 3: T. Huitsing, K. Chapman, R. Bognar.

Frosh Row 1: A. Artibly, K. Beard, L. Capretti, S. Shaginaw. Row 2: A. Warren, P. Xidias, M. Marx, M. Simala, K. Blahnik. Row 3: A. White, A. Hanchar, K. Thompson.

" Lady Trojans fight with pride "

Cheerleading

To ignite school spirit when the going gets rough!

Varsity Squad:(row 1)Kelly Martin, Becki Kinder, Selena Cox, Kim Modjeski (row 2)Anne Zygmunt, Monica Dyson(row 3)Melissa Zimmerman, Jennifer Gnerlich.

Cheerleading. This may mean various things to different people. To the people actually involved with the sport themselves, cheerleading evokes many thoughts.

Perhaps the most prominent thought which comes to mind may be of the unbreakable bond between squad members. This bond being the strong ties of friendship which have been formed through seasons of teamwork and endless encouragement. This is a bond which remained and continued to grow stronger as the days went by.

Without this irreversible bond, the accomplishments of the squads would never have been achieved. Namely, the biggest achievment this year—the JV and varsity girls attended a UCA camp at which they qualified to perform at the 1994 Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Florida. Also, two varsity members, Anne Zygmunt and Melissa Zimmerman competed for a chance to march in the Westminster Day Parade in London, England. They qualified and flew to London over Winter Break.

Dedication and perseverance played a large part in the success of the squads this year. The cheerleading season goes year round, which means practicing all summer for camp and football season, and continuing through basketball season. The squads also cheered for the soccer and the girls basketball teams.

This was a season of success and will hopefully grow even more successful in future years.

• Selena Cox

"We bonded this year making it a great season," says captain Melissa Zimmerman.

Varsity cheerleader Jennifer Gnerlich smiles as she dances to one of the many infamous band chants.

JV cheerleaders Becky Roche, Bobbi Bruner, Mai Lei Naglich and Shannon Kemp stand up and show their support for HHS.

JV Squad:(l to r)Mai Lei Naglich, Becky Roche, Bobbi Bruner, Shannon Kemp, Laura Miloshoff, Shannon Gogolak. (not pictured:Kristie Munsie).

Freshman Squad:(left to right) Brianne Oliver, Beth Lomax, Cheryl Zalewski, Sarah Bodley, Olivia Griner, Sarah Reynolds, Sarah VanBodegraven.

Mai Lei Naglich shows that her smile is almost as big as her spirit. She is a JV squad member.

Citrus Bowl :(row 1)Laura Miloshoff, Kim Modjeski, Selena Cox, Kelly Martin, Shannon Kemp, Jennifer Gnerlich(row 2)Anne Zygmunt, Melissa Zimmerman, Monica Dyson, Becki Kinder, Bobbi Bruner, Mai Lei Naglich, Becky Roche.

" Varsity Loves Donuts "

Wrestling

Grapple for the final pin to secure the win!

Varsity Wrestling Row1: Josh Mathews, Vince Vasile, Jose Calderon, Mike Yurkus, Mark Havens, Phil Dennis, *Row2:* Brad Joseph, Nick Peters, Kevin Gile, Matt Havens, Adam Rosenbloom, *Row 3:* C. Robinson, C.Poynter, Andrew Barnes, Tony Sowinski, Larry Janovsky,C.Augustine.

" It's all about real dedication," says senior co-captain Brad Joseph.

Start with a mile and a half "warm up", one hundred sit-ups, fifty push- ups, and end it with eight sets of "bleachers". It sounds like basic training but this is the first three weeks of wrestling conditioning, which doesn't compare to the practices. Anyone on his or her way home from school in late September could look over to the track and see our Highland Graplers pounding the pavement. "It's all about dedication," says co-captain Brad Joseph, "it's a lot easier to go home and watch *Jeopardy* after school but we've got a season to get ready for."

Despite problems adjusting the line-up to fit the new weight classes the Trojans compiled and overall record of 17-5 and a conference record of 8-1. "The new weight classes hurt us , a lot of good wrestlers didn't have a chance to wrestle varsity this year," says co-captain Phil Dennis. " I'm real happy with the teams performance." It's also hard to find a student who only weighs 100 pounds. The Grapplers start each dual meet six points behind.

Although there is team spirit and a close bond between the team, wrestling is primarily an individual sport and Highland had its share of individual stars this year. Sectionals began the individual run and Highland had nine wrestlers qualify for regionals and five of the nine went on semi-state.

"We've had success the past couple of years," says head coach Curt Augustein, "But now it's time to start preparing for the future."

• Andrew Barnes

Freshman Bob Roe has no problem holding a varsity position this year. Senior Larry Janovsky accomplishes another win.

Senior Brad Joseph waits patiently for the referee to call his pin. Andy Barnes takes another six pionts for the team.

Junior Varsity Wrestling Row 1: C. Poytner, C. Karpinec, K. James, J. Booker, D. Coble, R. Campbell, T. Ogrins, C. Robinson, *Row 2:* T. De Le Cruz, A. Ferry, J. Allison, E. Hoolehan, M. Bishop, B. Clasgens, 3 *Row:* B. Roe, J. Rataczak, R. Fergray, J. Tanis, A. Hogan, J. Escobedo, S. Stasny.

Senior Phil Dennis takes control as he forces his opponent onto his back. Coach Pionter is anticipating the next move.

" All it takes is all you got "

Swimming

Speeding up the pace without missing a stroke!

Swimming R1:Biel,Seremet,GrauR2:.Edmonson, Wilson,Gouwens,Wurst, Skaggs,Szubryt, Willman R 3: Toweson, Vincet, Drlich, Bakker, Snowdon, Kendzierski, Fandrei,Callaway.R4:O'Keefe, Zelenke, Vanderbilt,Gunn, Damasius, Torich, Hanak, Robbins.

The boy's swimming team made another strong showing against the competition this year. Their record at the end of the season was nine wins and five losses. They placed second in Conference and Sectionals. They also placed seventeenth at the state meet.

The captains of the team were Paul Callaway, Robert Grau and Steve Vincent. The most valuable swimmer was Matt Gouwens. Best Mental Attitude was awarded to Paul Callaway, and Most Improved was Robert Grau.

Freshman Matt Gouwens broke three freshman records and two team records during the season. He also placed third in the 100 Breast at the state meet. Juniors David Bakker, Mike Snowdon, James Skaggs, Jon Seremet, and senior Robert Grau also placed down state in their events.

The most exciting meet of the season this year was Sectionals. Senior co-captain Paul Callaway says, "In my high school career, I have never seen a meet so exciting. Everyone that competed gave their very best efforts to decrease their times in their events."

The boys' swim team had a great year and accomplished a lot this season. Their coach was even honored for his outstanding work. Coach Toweson was elected "Coach of the Year" for the '94-'95 sports year. This award topped off an exciting year for the team.

Next year proves to be another great year that returning swimmers are looking forward to. They are hoping that their success will continue.

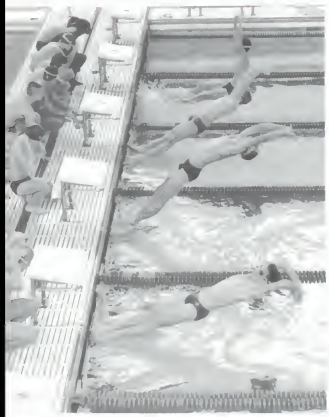
• Laura Cichon

" Hard work and determination carried us through," says co-captain Paul Callaway.

Junior Bryan Wurst practices one of his dives, while senior Paul Callaway swims the 500 hundred free-style.

Junior Jason Gunn concentrates before he dives, while senior co-captain Paul Callaway swims the butterfly stroke.

Freshman Tim Vanderbilt extends one of his dives. Members on the swim team dive in to compete against opposing schools.



" Nowhere to go but ... DOWN! "

Baseball

Running around the diamond and sliding for home.

The boy's baseball team this year had another outstanding season. They showed a lot of enthusiasm for the games they played. Their main goal this year was to win, and that's exactly what they did.

The captains leading the team this year were seniors Phil Gavranic, Brad Kuechenberg, and Yassir Isa. Other seniors playing on the team were Chad Mullins and Dave Kobel.

The top players on the team were Phil Gavranic, Jermie Kubon, Brad Kuechenberg, Phil Wojnicz, Chad Mullins, Yassir Isa and Steve Zienmiak Also a few underclassmen added to the team's success. They were sophomores Dave Duke and Vince Pistilii as pitchers, and Frank Tokoly at first base position.

However, the whole team gave the support and the ability to give the Trojans a great season. Head Coach Dan Miller says,"Our juniors and sophomores are gaining playing experience that will pay dividends later on this year as well as next year."

Next year's varsity team will advance as well as this years team did. With the young talent and enthusiasm,the future holds a lot for the team.

With the hard practices and rough games the team picked up a lot of knowledge along the way and a lot of skill too. Highland kept their reputation for a great baseball team this year.

•Laura Cichon & Kelly Herald

Varsity R1: B. Cliver, C. Mullins, Y. Isa, P. Gavranic, B. Kutchenberg, J. Kubon. R2: P. Wojincz, S. Ziemniak, K. Martin, R. Guzman, R. Gordon, T. McDonald. R3: Coach Miller, Coach McCallister, C. Sleeman, D. Coble, E. Johnson, B. Skaggs, V. Pistilli.

Coach Dan Miller chats with Jremy Kubon, Phil Gavranic, Steve Ziemniak and Terry McDonald on the mound.

Junior Rusty Gordon winds up for a pitch, while senior Phil Gavranic hustles around second base toward third.

Freshman Jim Kissee awaits a ball, while senior Yassir Isa hooks a slide past the defensive second baseman.

"In order for us all to be successful, all of the players must contribute," says Coach Miller.

Frosh R1: D. Amhein, M. Wojnicz, M. Klocek, B. Bajda, J. Stanish. R2: M. Miller, J. Waldron, K. Miller, L. Augustine, T. Stacy, M. Gouwens. R3: B. Zaborowski, R. Mendoza, J. Alison, J. Stephens, Coach Augustine, J. Kissee, K. Mackman.

J.V. R1: M. Havens, G. Cabrera, J. Matthews, M. Jones, R. Miller. R2: M. Cooper, M. Havens, N. Swallow, M. Dyson, B. Cockran, D. Hamstra. R3: Coach Augustine, J. Kutchenberg, D. Duke, D. Egan, F. Tokoly.

" Give 100% Every Game, Don't Settle For Less! "

Track

Racing against time and extending the jump.

Girls track team this year made a great showing with the competition. Despite the young talent, they were able to compete successfully with area teams.

Early in the season, the team proved themselves by winning the Highland Invitational. Due to the hard practices that Coach Espitia, Coach Valiska, and Coach Rosenbaum gave the team, they were ready to win. Senior Melissa Zimmerman says, "The practices were tough, but they paid off in the long run. We really worked hard to win."

The top runners this year were seniors Jill Begala, Jill Petska, and Jenny Walters. Other top competitors were Nicole Anast, Liane Ellis, Robin Bognar, and Nina Sandoval.

•Laura Cichon

Boys track team began the season with enthusiasm and a winning attitude. They had a variety of talented athletes giving strength to the team. Coach Summers says,"Luck is preparation meeting opportunity. We prepared for the success we had this year."

The leading team members were Josh Durham, Aaron Underwood, Paul Whitener, Jason Gunn, Jason Klocek, and Joey Peters. However, the entire team made an outstanding contribution to the team's accomplishments. All participants tried their hardest to add t o the team's success.

The team hopes to continue its prosperity next year with its many returning members.

• Kelly Herald

Boy's R1: K. Orban, N. Dama, J. Tabor, J. Peters, T. Summers, T. DelCruz, H. Reyes. R2: F. Sturges, J. Lane, T. Mucha, T. Elder, M. Miller, E. Keikis, J. Courtright, J. Gunn. R3: J. Klocek, P. Whitener, C. Janik, A. Underwood, B. Wurst, K. Kobli, G. Bluethman. R4: C. Mulligan, C. Geiser, C. Mikuly, J. Durham, D. Niksic, D. Schwerin, C. Summers.

Senior Josh Durham reaches new length in the long jump, while senior Jill Begala warms up in the hurdle event.

Senior Jill Petska keeps her pace up as junior Aaron Underwood clears the bar. The boys team makes a good start in the next race.

"We were prepared for all the success we had this year," says Coach Summers.

Girl's R1: A. Vercel, M. Moore, N. Sandoval, N. Anast, L. Capretti, T. Gagne, S. Gogolak. R2: H. Novak, S. Paulauski, M. Simala, L. Anderson, E. Hawkins, E. Peterson. R3: Coach Valiska, L. Ellis, M. Zimmerman, J. Begala, A. Zygmunt, Espitia R4: B. Moore, M. Otzewski, R. Bognar, A Stirling, S. Reynolds.

" Running With Trojan Pride "

Keeping the Highland track teams strong are: Matt Miller in long jump, Linda Kuch on hurdles, Jeff Lane on hurdles, and Aaron Underwood and Matt Miller in a sprint race. Both Highland teams were strong this year.

Cheerleaders Present —

WALKING ON SUNSHINE

Spring Fashion Show Rated a Great Success!

On April 2, 1995, the Highland High School cheerleaders in cooperation with the Bridal Studio, Dunhill Tuxedo, and Fashion Bug of Merrilville presented "Walking on Sunshine", a look at today's fashions.

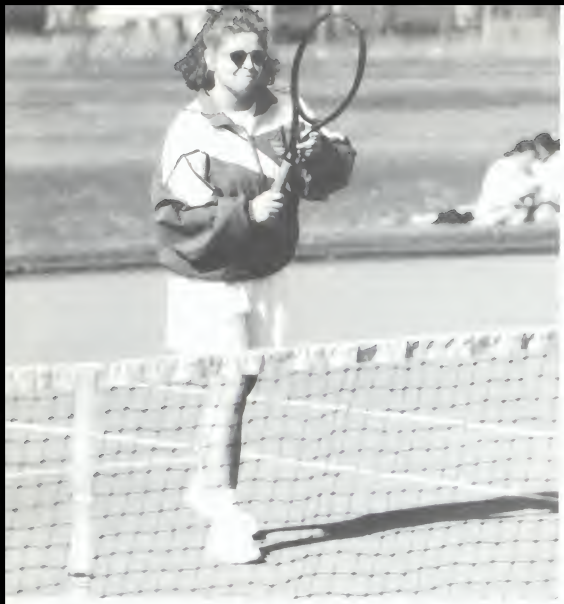
All proceeds went to support the Highland Cheerleading program. Various businesses provided raffle prizes, including gift certificates varying from dinners to tanning sessions.

Dougies D.J's Service provided music for the event. Male members of the student body also took part in the event by modeling the latest styles in tuxedoes. All flowers were provided by Sandy's Florist of Griffith. The entire event was a huge success according to many who attended.

• Monica Dyson

Varsity cheerleader Monica Dyson models a full skirted prom dress provided by the Bridal Studio of Highland .

Chris Geyser, Melissa Zimmerman and Randy Pete model prom clothes at the cheerleader fashion show held during the spring.



Tennis

Swinging the raquet to score a winning ace.

Once again the girl's tennis team this year is looking at a victorious season. They ended the season with a great record. Their conference record this year was an outstanding five wins and only one loss.

The returning seniors playing the top three single positions were Tara Volbrecht, Helen Tzanetakos, and Wendy Kish. Other returning seniors played top double positions. They were Sarah Courtright with her junior partner Nicole Yadron and Diane Nackman with her sophomore partner Donna Culic.

The Lady Trojans have managed to stay on top with team spirit, abilities, and not to mention their second-year running coach, Jennifer Janusonis. Coach Janusonis says,"Their skills have advanced from last season, making us even more competitive. We had an outstanding season because of it."

The team's practices were tough and serious. However, the team still managed to have fun with their little jokes added in. Captain senior Diane Nackman says," Being my last year on the team, I'm really going to miss the good times we had. I'll also miss my lucky chappy."

The upcoming players that will lead the team in the next few years are Reagan Wallner, Jenny Franz, Melissa Gray, and Molly Gembolis. The junior varsity team had a great season and prepared themselves for a promising varsity season next year.

This season has been an improvement on last year, and the future even looks more promising.

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Tennis : R.1: H. Rhodes,H. Tzanetakos,W. Kish,T. Volbrecht, D. Nackman,S.Courtright,N. Anast. R.2: K. Weyer, J. Franz, K. Ortiz,S. Soto, K. Berea, K. Johnson, K. Coble, S. Demaris. R.3: N. Kerman, D. Culic,C. Hrash, K. Aros, J. Beanblossom, M.Gray,R. Wallner,C. Scrhoeter,M. Gembolis, Coach Janusonis.

"The team's skills have improved this year helping us do better," says Coach Janusonis.

Senior Diane Nackman gets ready to receive, while senior Helen Tzanetakos connects with the ball. Junior Jenny Franz begins a serve.

Coach Janusonis gives last minute instructions. Freshman Kelly Berea concentrates, while junior Reagan Wallner runs to receive.

" Hitting the Aces with Trojan Pride "

The boys golf team warms up before a meet practicing their swings, while junior Dan Hughs gets ready to hit the ball.

Senior Tony Doffin measures his next putt, while senior Ryan Markley anticipates the ball's movement.

Golf

Eyeing the tee on the green for the perfect putt.

This year's boy's golf team had a good season. The team started off with the note of losing two of the best players and inspirations to the other members. The team was not to let that change the great record from last year. With three seniors leading the team it was all possible. Having the highest average was Anthony Van Prooyen. "This year in golf, we did extremely well despite the loss of two great players. But I think that the team did a good job in maitaining that Highland reputation for golf." Tony Doffin and Ryan Markely also played well this yaer to help the teams motivation.

The team had a record of 7-2 in the Conference division. They ended up with an overall second place after receiving a fourth place in the Conference Tournament. The juniors that will be leading the team next year to another victorious season will be Dan Hugus and Jeremy Moss.

The team went through alot of rough practices and long talks from coach to help them make this year an accomplishment. The varsity had the privelage to play on a lot of tough course. All together the team experienced a lot to help make an impact on their goals for next year. With a little team effort and hard work team goals were meant. The team's goal this year was just to do as well as the yaer before and they did that with no problem. Golf is a sport that needs patience and takes time and thats what the team had to offer.

Looking forward to the outcome of next season having ended on such a good note.

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Golf Row 1: R. Markley, T. Doffin, D. Hughs, T. Johns, J. Moss, A. VanProoyen. Row 2: B. Brownewell, T. Swiss, Coach Richardson, P. Harrold, E. Moss, M. Banis.

"We did extremely well this year," says senior Anthony VanProoyen.

Coach Dan Richardson gives some last minute tips to freshman team member Elijah Moss about a club.

Junior Dan Hughs concentrates on the green to improve his swing before his next stroke has been completed.

" Swing into the Breeze with Trojan Pride . "

Senior Kristen Williams prepares to receive an incoming ball, while senior Heather Skertich swings the bat to make a play.

Softball

Bunting down the third base line, running all the way.

This year's Lady Trojans headed into a new season with a new coach. They lost four starters from the previous year leading people to believe they were not going to come through winning. But as the season started the Highland girl's softball team proved everyone wrong.

After defeating Munster, Griffith, Whiting, Lafayette Harrison, Calumet, and Morton, Highland was rated as the number five team in the area. They also tied for first place for the Conference Championship with Bishop Noll. Coach Bartlett says, "As a first year Highland coach, I'm real pleased with the way all the players have responded to the system. Everyone should expect us to be successful this year and for many years to come."

This year's team was led by six senior captains: Sarah Menke, Kristin Williams, Jill Bogusz, Heather Skertich, Amy Govert, and Melissa Kantowski. Other team members that participated in the team's success were juniors Heather Hugus, Nicole Shipereck, Laura Hoolehan, Michelle Kawecki, and Katie Evilsizor. Some underclassmen that also helped the team were sophomores Erin Seidl and Deanne Crum.

The leading scorers for the Lady Trojans were Sarah Menke, Nicole Shiperek, and Amy Govert. The top base runners on the team were Melissa Kantowski and Amy Govert.

The Lady Trojans had a successful season . Next year proves to be an even more productive year with plenty of talent to back them up.

•Deanne Crum

Varsity R. 1: K. Evilsizor, M. Kantowski, E. Swanson, M. Kawecki. R. 2: H. Hugus, A. Govert, H. Skertich, D. Crum, N. Shiperek. R. 3: J. Bogusz, L. Hoolehan, E. Seidl, K. Williams. R. 4: J. Norris, S. Barney, D. Bartlet.

Senior Sarah Menke pitches the ball to an opposing team. Sophomore Erica Swanson prepares to receive the ball.

The Lady Trojans prepare for a game after a team huddle. They tied for Conference Champs with Bishop Noll.

" I'm pleased with the way all the players have responded to the system," Coach Bartlett.

J.V. R.1: V. Padilla, K. Kish, L. Macek, A. Vermejan, T. Wojno. R.2: N. Popalambros, J. Pavinica, S. Shaginaw, L. Davies. R.3: M. Sleeman, B. Oliver, M. Menke, P. Bedka, S. Lamire, G. Bedka.

" Bunting With Trojan Pride "

COLLISION! Prom Goers See Graphic Mock Drunk Driving Accident

In one of the most dramatic pre-prom warnings against drunk driving, seniors and prom goers witnessed a mock drunk driving collision in early May.

Members of the Highland Fire Department, Police Department, Emergency Medical Department as well as Konnie Kuiper from Kuiper Funeral Home staged a realistic crash scene. Sirens wailed and breaks screeched as Highland students led by Paul Callaway took the parts of the passengers and drivers. Steve Stasny, Jackie Sowinski, Mary Callaway, Monica Brownewell, Sherry VerWey and Tom Damron are pictured here as they helped portray the results of driving while under the influence of alcohol.

The program was staged by the Highland High Guidance Department.

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People To Remember

Leaders, doers, those involved and those who made involvement fun

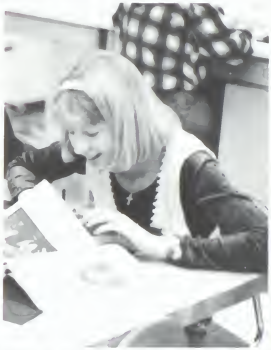
1994 — 1995

What is a school without its heart?

Deanna Crum and Jeff Chicki examine pictures for the yearbook, while Josh Durham races to the finish line. Laura Miloshoff was a cheerleader for Highland.

Mrs. Elizabeth Reyes is a very valuable secretary to HHS. Laura Hoolehan and Koula Amanitidis works on a science lab.

Melissa Billadeau models in Japan, while Pat Hasselbring celebrates the victory of the sectional basketball game.



A Year To Remember

From dog search to competitions, from O.J. Simpson to Oklahoma City, the months moved on

1994 — 1995

A Year of Change Comes To A Close

As the school year 1994-1995 came to a close, students reacted with strong feeling to the bombing of a federal building in Oklahoma City. The deaths of little children and well over 140 people was said to b the work not of foreign terrorists, but of Ameri cans who had been misguided into starting the own war with the government and with anyon who does not think as they do.

It was a mourning time, followed by a strong resolution on the part of many to speak out against hatred and cruelty of any kind. The racism and cruelty of a few students was also called to the student body's attention at HHS, and many in the school and in the administration moved to stop those who would hurt within the halls of Highland High School.

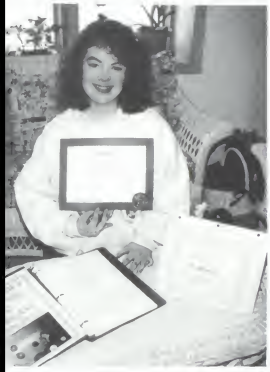
Two students did well in the state Science Olympiad, and as graduation grew close, the prom, the spring musical "My Fair Lady" and end of the year testing drew everyone's attention. With the O.J. Simpson trial mired in oblivion, most turned away from that, and went on with their lives.

As the school year wore down, student eagerly looked to graduation or to summer vacation.

Above, Officer Mike O'Donnell of the Highlan Police Department led Colt on a drug search th year. No drugs were found in the high school.

Robert Lugo talked to students about gang while classes kept on toward the end, with fin exams always in the back of students' minds.

Mia and Melissa Billadeau proved supportive students of the school, while Kelly Weyer and Jenny Tom joined an honor society and seniors planned courtyard renovation.



Valerie Jayne and Alyssa Diaz won at state Science Olympiad. Jaime Tucker and Christyne Thys danced.

Jeff Dancho sings "Get Me To The Church On Time". Dave Blair, Carrie Ruhs, and Brian Vargas join the chorus.

As The Year Comes To A Close . . .

My Fair Lady shows off talent, dedication of Theatre Company

TheHighland Theatre Company performed its last production of the year, and they went out with a bang! As usual, *My Fair Lady* was a success, the outstanding vocal and acting abilities left the crowd in amazement and awe. At the same time, some, including the participants, felt a note of sorrow at the thought of this being the last show of the year.

There were many opportunities for hopeful actors and actresses, over fifty students were needed in this play. Although there were a large number of roles, each one was essential to its astounding outcome. Among the students who contributed to making *My Fair Lady* all that it turned out to be are Carrie Ruhs,Brian Vargas, Matt Courtright and Jeff Dancho, who portrayed the key players. Some of the voices that created the mood and feeling for various scenes came from Michelle Mitchell, Erin Lottino, Rachel Slager, and many more. Besides acting ambition some students are interested in technical duties, and were involved in an important part of the show that we don't always give much recognition to, but they are a vital part of every production. Assistant Directors were Mary Callaway and Mary Albrecht, whileDavid Blair took the role of Production Manager.

My Fair Lady was a very important production to everyone, but even more so to our seniors, as their last production in their high school years. Another round of applause goes out to David Blair, Melanie Wilson, Lauren Loscalzo, Kevin Peterson, Jennie Poe, Sarah Hull, Brad Klemm, Jason Tratta, and Chantelle Warner.

As always in these productions, Highlands actors and actresses got a chance to shine in the spotlight, leaving a blinding light that lingered in every eye that witnessed the last Theatre Company production of the 1994-95 school year.

•Stephanie Rodriguez

Opposite, Matt Courtright as Freddy speaks to Eliza at the Ascot races.

Left, Carrie Ruhs left audiences spellbound in her role as Eliza Doolittle.

As The Year Comes To A Close . . .

Phil Wojnicz, Amy Kotynski lead Prom '95 royalty

The evening of May 13, 1995 was a very memorable time for many Highland students. It was this night that the Class of '96 hosted the Junior/Senior prom.

The dance was held at the Radisson Star Plaza's Grand Ballroom. The colors were pastel rainbow. The theme of the night was "Always in My Dreams" and the theme song was "Always" by Bon Jovi.

Dinner consisted of a choice of beef or chicken with *au gratin* potatoes and vegetable medley.

Court members included Rachael Bishop, Bridgette Norris, Molly Gembolis, Susan Sprainis, and Queen Amy Kotynski. Guy nominees were Terry McDonald, Jeff Smigla, Dave Bakker, Greg Czaja and King Phil Wojnicz.

Music was provided by Sensational Sounds, and centerpieces consisted of elegant mirrors accessorized by brilliant wine goblets filled with irridescent streamers

• **Monica Dyson**

Court: King Phil Wojnicz, Bridgette Norris, Queen Amy Kotynski, Greg Czaja, Susan Sprainis, Dave Bakker, Molly Gembolis, Terry McDonald, Rachael Bishop, Jeff Smigla.

Queen Amy Kotynski and King Phil Wojnicz pose for photographers after being crowned.

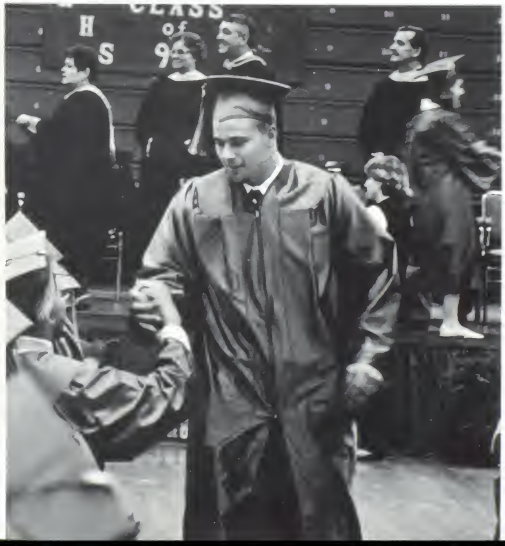
Seniors Melissa Kantowski and Alicia Castillo-Flores enjoy the balloon drop after coronation.

Melissa Zimmerman, Anne Zygmunt, Wendy Kish, Kim Modjeski and Becki Kinder dance.

Senior Jackie Sowinski, who was Prom Queen last year, enjoys dancing on the dance floor.

As The Year Comes To A Close . . .

Kelli Blahnik, Linda Ciganovic speak for Class of '95



Kelli Blahnik and Linda Ciganovic led the Class of '95 as valedictorian and salutatorian in graduation exercises June 11.

As members of the graduating class filed up to receive their diplomas, they became the newest alumni in the 37 year history of Highland High School.

This year's senior class officers were Steve Stasny, president, Paul Callaway, vice president, Gina Giovanelli as secretary and Marty O'Toole as treasurer. Their class sponsor was Mr. Ken Darrow.

Kelli gave the valedictory address, urging her classmates to remember the good they had accomplished during high school. She also urged them to carry their ideals and dreams into their future lives.

HHS Principal Dr. Renner Ventling presented the class for graduation to Superintendent Dr. Philip Cartwright, and Highland School Board members helped pass out the diplomas as the afternoon, and their high school careers, ended for the Class of '95.

Valedictorian Kelli Blahnik brought a standing ovation for her speech. Linda Ciganovic was the class salutatorian.

In scenes from the indoor graduation, the Class of '95 received diplomas and the congratulations of all who were present.

Class of 1995

Kristel Abney: Aud.2-4;Band 1-4; Choir 4,HTC 2-4;Peer Tut. 4. **Tim Adkins**: Turnabt. Ct. 4; Nat. Help. 4; BK.B. 1-4; BS.B. 1-4. **Mike Albrecht**. **Raul Alfaro**: SC; Tennis. **Keith Allen**. **Angel Alvarez**. **Aeric Arreguin**: Fr. Cl. 3-4; SC 4; NHS,Sp.H.S.CC4;Tk. 2-4; Sc. Oly.3-4 **Stephanie Atkinson**: Nat. Hlpr. St. Adv. Bd 3.**Ryan Baily**. **Jennifer Bajda**: Key Cl. 3; Nsat. Hlpr. 2; *Link* 2-4, Ed. 4; Snowflake 1; SC 2-4. **Kassie Banister**: Nat. Hlpr. 4; CC 3-4;Tk. 1-4. **Andy Barnes**. **Stuart Barney**: Key Cl. 4; NHS 4; Mentor 4; *Link* 4; FB 1; Dvg. 3; Grls. Sftbl. Mgr. 2-4. **Scott Barrieo**: BK.B. 1-4. **James Barret**: Tennis 2-4. **Jill Begala**: Fr. Cl. 1-2; Nat.Hlpr. 2; Tk. 1-4, captain 4; CC 2-4, captain 4 **Zachary Berger**: NAHS 1-4. **Laura Berrones**: HTC 1-2; Choir 1-4; SHS 2; Tennis 2. **Debbie Bidwell**: Drp. In Cntr. 4; Nat. Hlpr. 3. **Kelly Biesen**: Prom Ct. Hmcg. Queen; Nat. Hlpr. 3; Vlbl. 1. **Dennis Bigda**: Bldg. Tr. 3-4. **Melissa Billadeau**: Acd.Dec. 3-4; FHA 2-4; Key Cl. 1-4; Jap. Cl. 4; Dr. In Cntr. 4; Dnc. Tm. 4 Nat. Hlpr. 3-4; St. Cncl. 3-4; BK.B. 1-3; HTC 2-4; Fr.Cl. 1. **Mia Billadeau**: Choir 4; FHA 2-4; Key Cl. 1-4; St. Cncl. 1,3,4; Mgr. Grl. BK.B. 3; HTC 1-4; Peer Tut. 4. **Jill Bishop**. **Kelli Blahnik**: Choir 2-4; FCA 4; Sp.Cl. 1; NHS 4, Pres. 4; Mentor 4; Nat. Hlpr. 2-4; St. Adv. Brd. 2-4; St. Cncl. 2; Swim. 1-4, capt. 4; HTC 1-2. **David Blair**: HTC 1-4; Choir 4; Sp.HS 2-4; Mentor 4; Nat. Hlpr. 3,4; Sp.Dbt. 2; St.Cncl. 3. **Jill Bogusz**: Prom Ct. 3; Hmcg Ct. 4; NHS 3-4; Sp.HS 2-4; Vlbl. 1 BK.B. 1-2; Sftbl. 1-4. Scr. 4 Ltrmns Club 4. **Meagan Boik**: Key Cl. 4; Sp. Cl. 4. **Morgan Borbely**: St. Adv. Bd. 3. **Deana Bradley**: Choir 2-4; Key Cl. 1; Sp. HS 2-4; St. Adv. Bd. 3-4; Tennis 1. **Melissa Breger**: Fr. Cl. 4; FHA 2; Sftbl. 1-2; Cptn. Ltrgrls. 4; Snowball 1; Snowflake 4. **Blair Brown**: Hmcg. Ct. 4; Trnbt. King 4; NAHS 1-4; Ftbl. 1, 3-4; Hcky 1-4. **Kristen Brown**: Fr. Cl. 2-3, V.P. 3; Fr. HS 3-4; Sp. HS 4; Sp. Dbt. 2, 3-4, V.P. 3, Pres. 4; St. Cncl. 3. **Tim Brown**: Bldg. Tr. 3-4. **Jeff Burosh**: Gr.HS 3-4; Mentor 4; Sp. Dbt. 2-4; St. Adv. Bd. 1-4; Tennis 1-4; I.U. Honors Foreign Lang. Awd. 3. **Mary Callaway**: Choir 1-4; Fr. Cl. 1; Snowflake 1-4; Dr. In Cntr. 4; NHS 3-4; Fr. HS 2-4; Nat. Hlpr. 2-4; St. Cncl. 3-4; HTC 1-4. **Paul Callaway**: Prom Ct. 3; Hmcg. King 4; Class V.P. 3-4; Ftbl. 1-4; Swmg. 1-4; *Shield* 1-4. **Eva Campbell**: Sp. Cl. 3-4; Jap. Cl. 3-4; Key Cl. 2; Sp. Dbt. 3-4; Swmg. 1-3. **Jason Cash**: Ftbl. 1. **Alicia Castillo-Flores**: Fr. Cl. 1-3; Key Cl. 1-3; Dr. In Cntr. 4; NHS 3-4; Fr. HS 2-4; Quill/Scroll 2-4; Nat. Hlpr. 2; St. Cncl. 2-4; Tennis 1; CC 2-3; *Shield* 2-4. **Angela Castillo-Flores**: Fr. Cl. 1-3, Key Cl. 1-4; Trnby. Queen; NHS 3-4; FHS 2-4 ; SHS 3-4; Mentor; Nat. Hlpr. 2; VP 2; SC 2-4; Tennis 1; CC 2. **Tim Chicki**: Bldg. 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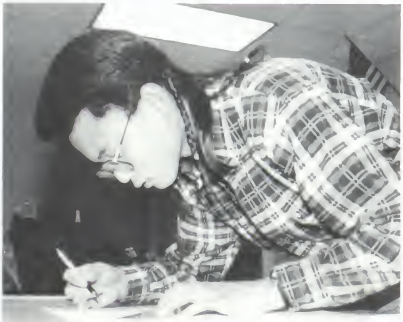

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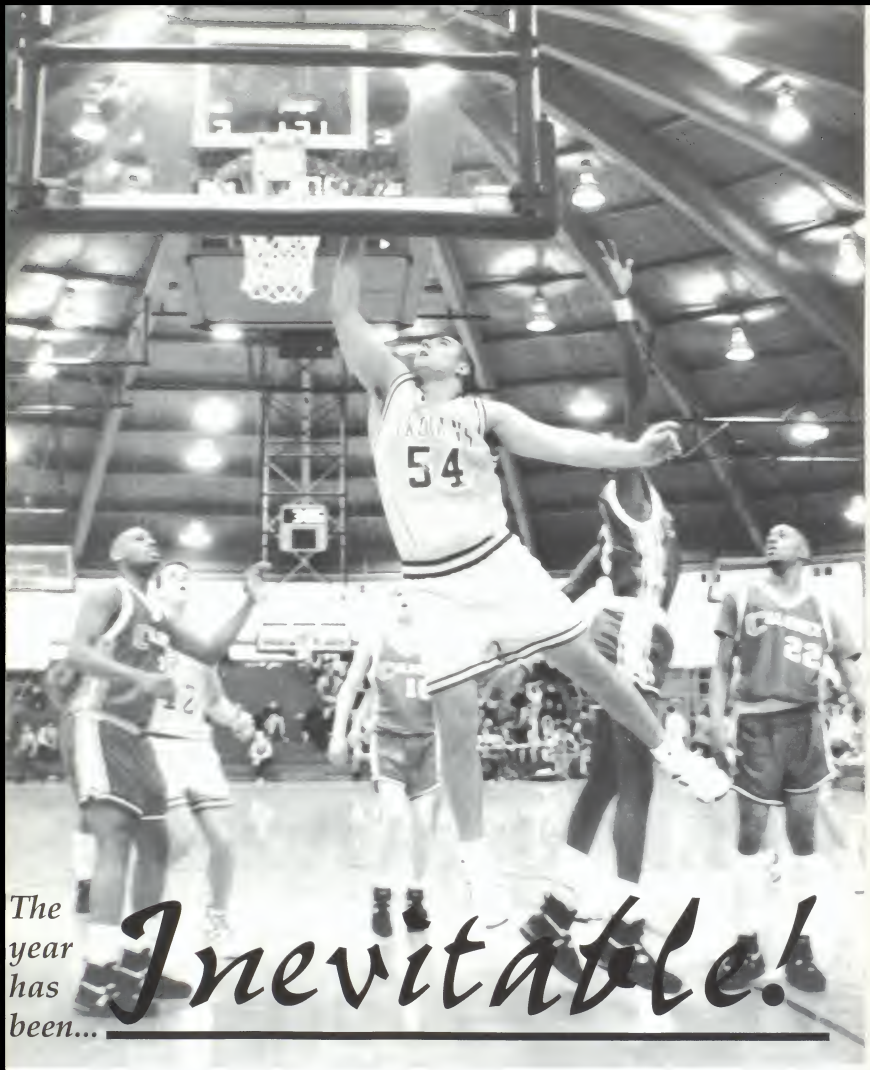

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